

Army troops erasing dividing line in Beirut

BEIRUT (AP). — Lebanese Army engineering units and bulldozers swept land mines and tore down earth mounds along the mid-city "green line" yesterday preparing to reunite the Christian and Moslem halves of Beirut.

Just before the operation began, units of the army, which began deploying in the city on Wednesday, linked up at the demarcation line, taking over positions vacated by rival Christian and Moslem militiamen who had been battling there since February 6.

Henry Pharaon, director of the Beirut port, ordered all employees to report to work on Monday. Officials at Middle East Airlines, the country's national carrier, said they were ready to resume operations at the international airport but were awaiting the green light from the army command. The port and airport have been closed for five months.

The airport was widely expected to reopen today, but sources at the

army command said commander General Michel Aoun had recommended a 24-hour delay to make certain all roads to the facility are firmly under army control and cleared of explosives left behind by withdrawing militiamen.

The three-day army operation to retake control of Beirut has encountered no militia resistance so far. But Moslem leaders complained in newspapers yesterday that the 5th and 6th Brigades of the army had not been "confessionally integrated" before launching the security operation as planned.

In Tripoli, street fighting continued for a fourth straight day between pro- and anti-Syrian militia groups. The police said the battles have claimed 41 lives and left 125 wounded.

The fighting pits fundamentalist Sunni Moslem militiamen from the "Islamic Unification" movement and the "Arabian Knights" militia of the Syrian-backed Arab Democratic Party.



Prime Minister Shamir gets a taste of watermelon on an election tour of Jaffa yesterday. (Andre Brummann)

SLA recruiting more Shi'ite Moslems

BY MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — South Lebanese Army officers have temporarily stopped inducting Christian soldiers and are accepting only Shi'ite Moslems, in an effort to bring the Shi'ites up to 40 per cent of the army's total strength.

There are about 2,000 soldiers in the SLA, divided into six battalions: four infantry, one armoured and one artillery.

The Israel Defence Forces has reportedly put together small groups of people in several South Lebanese villages who have undertaken to prevent attacks on the IDF in their areas. This is in return for supplies

processing of requests for permits for travel and other considerations, sources said.

Automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades were fired at an Israeli Defence Forces base at the entrance to Tyre last night, evidently from a passing car. There were no injuries, Israel Radio reported. Searches were being carried out in the area.

In other developments, two incidents of light-arms fire directed against IDF troops were reported yesterday morning, one in the village of al-Audiyah and the other in Tyre. No one was hurt and no damage was caused.

Rifaat Assad denies report of purge

GENEVA (Reuters). — Syrian Vice-President Rifaat Assad yesterday denied reports that he has been ousted by his brother, President Hafez Assad, and said he is in Geneva for medical treatment.

A spokesman for Rifaat Assad, reading a prepared statement, said the vice-president would return to Syria when the medical treatment, "which he undergoes from time to time in Europe," is concluded.

Last Sunday the London Observer

said President Assad had started a purge to reinforce his authority by sending his brother and other top military officers abroad on permanent or temporary exile abroad.

Western diplomatic sources in Geneva said Vice-President Assad, who holds the rank of brigadier, and a 60-man Syrian delegation had installed themselves in three Geneva hotels since their return from a visit to Moscow last month.

Three stoning incidents near Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Security sources have reported a slight increase in tension following stoning incidents in the Jerusalem area in the last two days.

A train from Tel Aviv was stoned yesterday near the village of Battir in the Jerusalem corridor. A window in one of the passenger cars was smashed, but no injuries were reported.

On Wednesday evening, an 11-year-old boy was slightly hurt when the car he was travelling in was hit by a rock near French Hill in Jerusalem on the new road to Ma'ale Adumim.

Also Wednesday evening, a woman passenger in an Israeli vehicle was lightly injured in the face when the car she was travelling in was hit by a rock as it passed the Dehaishe refugee camp south of Bethlehem.

U.S. olim feted at Mattityahu

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Forty recent olim from the U.S. were the stars of a rally in the settlement of Mattityahu yesterday which officially launched a campaign to bring potential olim to settlements in the administered territories.

A special \$500 flight, subsidized by settlement supporters in the U.S., is to encourage potential olim to

spend at least a few weeks of the summer in Judea and Samaria.

Mattityahu, near Modi'im, was founded by Western olim and was decorated yesterday with American and Israeli flags. All of the proceedings, including speeches by Science and Development minister Yuval Ne'eman and other settlement leaders, were in English.

Labour denies charges of 'harassing' teacher

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Alignment last night displayed a copy of a letter of dismissal dated May 22 to back up its categorical denial that teacher Shoshanna Peretz of Kiryat Shmona had been fired from her kibbutz job or harassed in any other way due to her daughter Lisa's appearance in Likud television election broadcasts.

The last half-minute of the Alignment TV election spot, apparently relating to Peretz's personal background, was censored by the Central Election Committee. Just before the blackout, Alignment announced Eri Shiloni read out a list of places, including Be'er Ya'akov, Upper Nazareth, Kadourie and Gmossar, where Peretz had lived during the past four years. Peretz was fired from jobs in all these places, Shiloni said.

Sources at the kibbutz school at Kiryat Shmona, where Peretz taught last year, dismissed her allegations that she had been threatened with loss of her job and that Lisa had been refused admittance to the school because of the girl's appearance on the Likud ad.

In Lisa's appearance last week, the 12-year-old girl spoke movingly of "life under the Katyushas" in this northern border town. And on Wednesday her mother, a Labour Party member, who is a former member of Kibbutz Beit Hashita,

said on another Likud TV message that a telephone caller had threatened harm to Lisa and warned that Shoshanna would lose her teaching job at Kiryat Shmona and that Lisa would be barred from attending school there.

But Shoshanna Peretz was informed by a letter sent in April that she was "highly unlikely" to be rehired for the coming school year due to "professional considerations." Kiryat Shmona school principal Dudik Toker, of Kibbutz Yiftah, said yesterday.

Moreover, the Peretz family was informed about 40 days ago that Lisa could not be admitted to the school, for lack of space. Other children from the area were also turned down for the same reason, school sources said.

Friends and colleagues of Shoshanna's from Galilee kibbutzim yesterday expressed their "shock and amazement" over her recounting of the alleged threats on a Likud TV broadcast. "If anyone has helped her out, it's been us," said one teacher at the kibbutz school who could not believe Peretz blamed the Alignment for the alleged threats.

At a press conference last night in Herzliya, Alignment campaign leaders showed journalists the section of the broadcast that was censored. The clip showed documents and interviews with people from the places where Peretz had lived. (See Eye-witness — page 2)

Sikhs hijack jet to Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP). —

An Indian Airlines jet with 264 persons aboard was hijacked from Kashmir to Lahore, Pakistan yesterday by Sikh militants who reportedly threatened to blow up the plane.

Six passengers were released and the hijackers demanded the plane be refuelled, according to official sources.

Urgent negotiations were under-

way last night with those who commandeered the Airbus 300. The Indian ambassador to Pakistan rushed to Lahore and the negotiating team was headed by the governor of West Punjab in Pakistan.

It was not immediately clear how many hijackers were aboard the plane. Reports in Islamabad said there were four, while the United News of India said there were nine.

\$ export limited to immediate kin

Post Economic Reporter

The Bank of Israel has notified banks that from now on, Israelis will be able to send abroad up to \$2,000 a year only to people they can prove to be immediate relatives and not to any relative, as permitted until now.

In all other instances, the approval of the controller of foreign currency will be needed.

The central bank explained the move by saying that many Israelis had been sending money out of the country to people who were not close relatives, and even to fictitious names.

Cheysson to visit Jerusalem next week

Post Diplomatic Correspondent
French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson will visit Israel briefly next week during President Francois Mitterrand's trip to Jordan and Egypt. (Story-page 2)

Observers in Jerusalem say Cheysson's visit reflects France's consistent care to be seen as a country capable of close dialogue with both sides of the conflict in the region.

Cheysson will accompany the president to the Arab lands, but will take off one day for talks in Jerusalem with Prime Minister Shamir and senior officials.

He is also expected to meet with Labour opposition leader Shimon Peres.

Electric workers sign pact Engineers still out, other strikes brewing

Striking Foreign Ministry workers have been ordered back to work today and electricity is expected to be supplied without disruption, but engineers and holders of academic degrees employed in the public sector, religious-court workers and oil suppliers remain on strike.

The Foreign Ministry employees reluctantly bowed to the back-to-work orders issued against them yesterday and Wednesday, and should be performing all duties as normal today both at the ministry and at embassies and consulates abroad. Striking workers at the Electric Corporation signed an agreement with management yesterday, and all power stations are expected to be working at full capacity today, ending the blackouts that plagued the country much of this week.

Radio and television journalists are prepared to sign an agreement today on their wage demands, but broadcasts could be disrupted by administrative workers at the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

Teachers and some hospital workers have also indicated they may soon take action to press wage demands (see Teachers, Page 3).

The strike by engineers and university graduates enters its fourth day today with no end to their dispute in sight. Positions appeared to harden yesterday, after informal contacts among representatives of their unions, the Histadrut and, apparently, the government.

The engineers and the graduates have threatened to quit the Histadrut if the dispute is not resolved. Proposals to that effect are expected to be placed before the conventions of the two unions next Wednesday.

Histadrut Trade Union Department chairman Haim Habertfeld said last night that there was "no chance" that the labour federation and the two unions would come to an agreement by Wednesday. "They cannot do in a few days what we have been unable to achieve in years," he said.

The engineers and the graduates are demanding the right to negotiate independently with the public-sector employers for completely restructured wage scales. The government

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has made its agreement conditional on its receiving letters from all the other public-sector unions stating that they will not demand linkage with any new agreement with the engineers and the graduates.

The engineers and the graduates were among the professional unions that refused to sign the public-sector framework agreement last month. The clerks and the civil servants signed the agreement, which provided for a 15.8 per cent wage rise, along with the Histadrut Trade Union Department, which signed on behalf of all public-sector workers. But the Histadrut does not have the power to enforce compliance by those who refused to sign.

The strike by some 60,000 engineers and graduates does not subject the public to direct hardship, but its financial and industrial cost is high. Union sources said last night that engineers working for the Koor group will join the strike on Sunday, and the industrial action at the Israel Military Industries will be stepped up.

Works committee representatives from around the country are to meet this morning to decide on further measures.

Some 400 back-to-work orders are believed to have been issued by the government to key workers. The unions have decided that those members still working, whether due to back-to-work orders or to union decisions, will donate half their salary to the unions to finance the continuation of the struggle.

Foreign Ministry officials today will begin wearing lapel badges announcing that they are working "under the coercion of back-to-work orders" issued by the government to break their go-slow.

The government continued its blanket distribution of these orders at the ministry for the second consecutive day yesterday as the staff committee played a losing cat-and-mouse game against the Civil Service

Commission's determination to crush the strike.

The committee instructed archivists — who were not among the 100 workers issued back-to-work orders on Wednesday — not to pass on official documents requested from them. Within an hour orders were accordingly issued the archivists.

The committee's next line of defence was secretaries — but they, too, promptly received back-to-work orders.

Almost all of Israel's 300 diplomats serving abroad have been given the orders, and consular services in the legations were available again for travellers.

Power supplies are expected to return to normal today after Israel Electric Corporation employees accepted a compromise agreement yesterday on their pay demands and ended their week-long strike.

The compromise was thrashed out during a long negotiating session among leaders of the employees, management and the Histadrut, including labour federation's secretary-general Yisrael Kessar. The session ended at about 5 a.m. yesterday.

The employees, however, reserved the right to demand the "parity increment" given to certain state workers last month, or a similar bonus.

All sides also agreed that any parity increment given to other government corporation employees would automatically be paid to the IEC workers.

The radio and TV journalists said yesterday they were prepared to sign today the work agreement hammered out earlier in the week. But the Broadcasting Authority cautioned that the agreement must still be ratified by the Finance Ministry's management committee. Assuming this occurs, sources said, the agreement could be signed late today or on Sunday.

The journalists, meanwhile, took to task administrative workers at the IBA, saying their sanctions have interfered with resolving the journalists' dispute. The administrative staff agreed to allow news to be broadcast yesterday, but said that as

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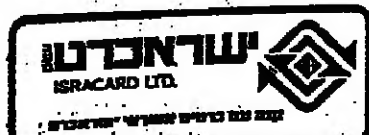
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THE WEATHER

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Sanctions at the meteorological institute yesterday prevented a full weather forecast for today, but the following maximum temperatures have been predicted: Golan - 32; Galilee - 31; Samaria - 33; Jerusalem - 31; coastal plain - 30; Negev - 36; Dead Sea and Arava - 38; Eilat - 42.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik this week received Finnish Ambassador Erkki Maentakanen in his bureau.

Prof. Michael Sela, president of the Weizmann Institute of Science, was one of three scientists to be awarded the Prix de l'Institut de la Vie at a ceremony this week in Lille, France. The 300,000-franc prize is given for "outstanding research into the physical, biological or chemical environment of man and its effects on his life."

The Joseph Tanenbaum Chair in Jewish Law was dedicated this week at the Hebrew University Faculty of Law, in the presence of Joseph Tanenbaum of Toronto. University President Don Patinkin chaired the event.

Defence Minister Moshe Arens is to address the English-speaking group of Likud at the Laromme Hotel, Jerusalem, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. The public is welcome.

The president of the Manufacturers' Association, Eli Hurvitz, will speak at the luncheon meeting of the Haifa Maritime and Economics Club, at the Zion Hotel, 1 p.m. today. Table reservations by phone 04-529818.

DEPARTURES

Tourism Minister Abraham Shari, for Paris, on official business.

Payment to wife based on wage statistics

TEL AVIV (Itim). - District Court President Hanna Eynor yesterday ordered a husband to pay maintenance to his wife and son on the basis of the national average wage, since no reliable evidence concerning the man's income was presented to the court.

The husband had earlier been ordered to pay IS25,000 maintenance monthly, linked to the index. However, the wife later quit her job because of a financial dispute between her and her husband. The wife also moved her two-year-old son to her mother's house, filed for divorce, and filed a new maintenance suit.

The woman's advocate, Amos Maimon, argued that the husband slept in the living room, did not have sexual relations with his wife, and from time to time assaulted her and demanded to have relations. The husband's lawyer argued that a wife who refuses to have sexual relations is not entitled to maintenance, and brought precedents to this effect. Judge Eynor ruled that since not all the couple's income had been reported and both sides had exaggerated their income, the maintenance payments would be based on the national average wage. She also said she was not convinced that the wife had refused to have sexual relations with her husband.

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Dedication of a shul in a new neighbourhood in Jerusalem.

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HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Three Golan Druse youth returned by Phalange captors

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
METULLA. - Three Druse boys from Majdal Shams who had been held by Phalange troops near Beirut since they slipped across the Lebanese border six months ago were returned to Israel yesterday. The three, aged 17 to 18, did not appear well when they crossed the Good Fence border point here yesterday. They said they had suffered occasional beatings by their captors, and bruises were visible on their bodies. Their release was secured by the

efforts of the Israeli liaison office in Debiye, north of Beirut, and the Phalange liaison office in Jerusalem. The three - brothers Said and Hassan Kaddouni, and Kassem Mahmud - left Majdal Shams six months ago because they "wanted to get out of the village." They crossed the border near Rajar and made their way to the Shouf Mountains, where they were picked up by Phalange troops near Mashara. They were transferred to a "small dark room" near Beirut, where they were held until their release was arranged, they said.

Shooting story said untrue

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Soldiers yesterday detained one of the five young persons injured in the shooting incident outside Rachel's Tomb, near Bethlehem last Tuesday, and removed him from the Beit Jalla hospital to the local military government headquarters for questioning.

In a letter sent yesterday to Defence Minister Moshe Arens and the Judea and Samaria military command, advocate Felicia Langer, who is representing the families of the five teenagers, presented a totally different version of events from that provided by military sources at the time of the incident.

According to military sources, some of the youths whose papers were being examined outside the buses stood up and began to shout and curse at the soldiers, with the youths on the buses joining in. Several of those being checked then began running toward the Border Policemen in question, who fired in the air and then at the legs of the advancing youths.

According to Langer the youths were on their way in three buses to a tour of Galilee and Mt. Carmel on

the last day of the Moslem feast of Id al-Fitr, which marks the end of Ramadan. The buses were held up for some two hours at a roadblock outside Rachel's Tomb and then escorted by Border Policemen to the local military government headquarters.

After another quarter of an hour, the drivers were told to return to the roadblock. Here, according to Langer, a Border Police officer called "Haim" got onto the buses and made several of the youths get off. They were allegedly forced to stand and sit repeatedly on a piece of nearby open ground, during which time Haim also reportedly struck one with the butt of his rifle.

The youths in the buses, Langer continued, began to protest and shout, but Haim persisted in his alleged abuse of their friends. When some of the youths tried to leave the buses, Haim allegedly opened fire, wounding five of them, including a girl whose age is now given as 11 and not 14 as in the original report.

Haim and the ten soldiers with him ordered local cars to take the wounded to the nearby Beit Jalla hospital.

Two policemen deny they beat suspect

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Two police officers on trial in the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court have denied charges that they beat a burglary suspect and broke his nose during an investigation.

Officer David Magra, 23, of Tel Aviv, allegedly punched the suspect in the face and body and hit him over the head with a hard instrument while on the way to the Bat Yam station in a police vehicle during November, 1982.

Officer Haim Benvenisti, 30, of Bat Yam, allegedly hit and kicked the suspect during questioning at the police station. The suspect said that afterward, Benvenisti took him outside and made him lie on his stomach, after which the officer and other policemen kicked him and stepped on his head, breaking his nose.

The case will continue in November.

Jerusalem PR chief killed in accident

Two persons were killed yesterday morning in separate road accidents in Jerusalem and on the Yotvata road.

Jerusalem municipal public relations chief Motti Raz died in a collision between his car and a bus in the capital. He was 38.

Raz served for some time with the Israel Defence Forces spokesman in Beirut. He leaves his wife, Daphne, who is special projects manager at The Jerusalem Post, and two sons, aged 1 and 4.

The funeral will leave today at 12 noon from the Sanhedria funeral parlour for the Har Hamenuhot Cemetery.

In the other accident, the rehearsal manager of the Intal dance troupe, Irit Herzog, was killed when her car collided with a truck on the Yotvata road. She was 29. Herzog leaves her husband, theatre director Aharon Herzog, and their seven-year-old son.

Wildcat strike settled at Eilat port

By LIORA MOREL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

EILAT. - The port's 300 stevedores staged a wildcat strike for 10 hours yesterday to protest against the lack of a first-aid facility at the port.

On Monday, a 50-year-old worker collapsed of a heart attack on the job and lay untended for 20 minutes before a pick-up truck took him to the hospital. He was declared dead on arrival.

The chairman of the local labour council mediated all day yesterday

between the workers and management. When an agreement was reached at 4 p.m., a medic from the hospital was stationed at the port and the strikers returned to their jobs.

David Segal, the port manager, said that he is checking into the possibility of training some port workers in first-aid procedures, and is looking into the legality of having a medic on call rather than on the scene round the clock.

'Light damage' to ship hit by Iran

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP). - A Liberian tanker was attacked and "slightly damaged" by two Iranian warplanes in the Persian Gulf yesterday, Bahrain-based shipping sources reported.

The 276,000-ton Primrose was hit 120 kilometres southwest of Iran's Lavan Island in the southern end of the Gulf, they said. No one among the 26-member Japanese crew was hurt.

The tanker, on charter to Japan Lines, left the Saudi Arabian oil terminal of Ras Tanura on Wednesday night after loading crude.

It was reported to be sailing at full speed toward the Strait of Hormuz, the southern outlet of the Gulf.

In Tokyo, a spokesman for Japan Line said two shots hit the Primrose and one had penetrated an engine room boiler but there was no explosion.

He said the ship, carrying 250,000 tons of oil, was headed for Europe, with a final destination to be decided later.

The ship is registered to Bayard Tanker Corp. of Liberia but is operated by Japan Line, he said.

Iran last attacked in the same area on June 10, when its fighters hit the Kuwaiti tanker Kazimiah.

The Iranian attack was seen here as a retaliation against recent Iraqi attacks on commercial shipping in Iranian waters.

STRIKES BREWING

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soon as the journalists' dispute is settled, they will begin to "exert pressure" once again. Thus, if the journalists sign their agreement today, the administrative workers may interfere with some programming this evening.

Rabbinical-court workers decided yesterday to continue their sanctions, following the failure of the attempt by their representatives to meet with the Civil Service Commis-

sion. The workers will refuse to receive the public, which is likely to lead to delays in marriage and divorce proceedings.

The workers are demanding parity with civil-court workers. They charge that clauses in the 1982 work agreement guaranteeing them parity have never been implemented.

Hospital and retirement-home cleaning staff declared a work dispute yesterday, charging their employers with not abiding by their work agreement. The 1,840 workers are threatening to strike at the end of the mandatory two-week waiting period.

Employees of the oil refineries in Haifa and Ashdod stopped supplies of fuel to oil companies yesterday to press their demand for parity increment pay.

Supplies of heavy fuel oil to industry were also disrupted by the workers' action.



Police Assistant Commander Assaf Hefetz and his wife arrive at the High Court yesterday for the hearing on his petition against his suspension. (Isaac Harari)

High Court rejects petition against suspension of Hefetz

The High Court of Justice yesterday rejected police Assistant Commander Assaf Hefetz's petition against his suspension by police Inspector-General Rav-Nitzav Aryeh Ivzan.

Chief Justice Meir Shamgar and Justices Shlomo Levin and Eliezer Goldberg ordered Hefetz to pay IS200,000 court costs, and said they would give their reasoned judgment at a later date.

Today Hefetz will go on trial in the Police Disciplinary Court in Petah Tikvah on charges of leaking information to journalists about alleged police mishandling of intelligence regarding the attempted attack on the Temple Mount by the so-called Lifa Gang.

The trial has been delayed three times, twice because of disqualification of members of the three-man panel of police officers and once because Hefetz's attorney requested that the court wait until the High Court ruled on Hefetz's petition against his suspension.

The director of the High Court Department of the State Attorney's Office, Renato Jarach, represented Ivzan in the High Court hearing.

Basing himself on transcripts of wiretapped telephone conversations between Hefetz and newsmen, Jarach argued that the suspended officer "practically pressured" the reporters to take the information from him and publish it.

Jarach charged that Hefetz "was dying" to leak the information in order to cause damage to his commanding officers.

Hefetz's attorney, Dan Cohen charged that Ivzan had discriminated against his client, and argued: "No one could find it reasonable that while other senior officers of the same rank as the petitioner, who are being investigated in connection with such serious crimes as bribery, have not been suspended - an officer who talked to a reporter on the phone is suspended."

Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir yesterday ruled that Ivzan had not violated the law when he permitted the bugging of Hefetz's phone. Zamir said that though Ivzan had not satisfied all the demands of the law, "not every deviation from the law in administrative decisions constitutes a violation." (Itim)

Egyptian defence minister meets French counterpart

PARIS (AP). - Egyptian Defence Minister Abdel Halim Abu Ghazala met yesterday his French counterpart, Charles Hernu, for discussions on Africa, the Middle East and arms cooperation.

France is Egypt's second largest supplier of weapons after the U.S. Abu Ghazala's visit comes one week before President Mitterrand's scheduled stopover in Egypt for talks with President Hosni Mubarak before travelling to Jordan for several days of talks with King Hussein.

Mitterrand's visit is seen by many in the Middle East as a significant effort to increase French and West European influence in the region at a time when U.S. prestige is low. Officials in Jordan say Hussein

plans to take advantage of Mitterrand's visit to promote his plan for an international conference on the Middle East with the participation of "all parties" including the Soviet Union and the PLO.

Post-Mideast Affairs Reporter adds: Mitterrand's visit to Jordan was to coincide with a visit by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat. Arafat, however, is reported to have cancelled the visit, intended to continue his dialogue with Hussein, following reports from Paris that the French president had dismissed any possibility of meeting him.

The PLO chief felt, apparently, that it would be a humiliating blow to his international standing to be in the same capital as Mitterrand without meeting him.

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The funeral will take place today, Friday, July 6, leaving at 12 noon from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour for Har Hamenuhot, Jerusalem.

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'Lisa shall not walk alone,' Arik's supporters pledge

RISHON LEZION. - "Lisa Peretz - you shall never walk alone," read one sign waved by Ariel Sharon's jubilant supporters here yesterday, in the largest election rally this town has seen during this campaign. The slogan referred to the Kiryat Shmona girl who said she received threats after appearing in a Likud television advertisement.

The crowd shouting "Arik, King of Israel" was estimated at some 2,500 to 3,000, while Sharon's fellow veteran of the famous paratroop Unit 101, Alignment Knesset Member Mordechai Gur, drew only 100 to 150 listeners at another rally here yesterday.

And while Gur's voice was heard loud and clear, demanding a change in government, Sharon, hoarse from laryngitis, simply said, "Thank you" to his supporters. He pointed to a large sign containing the Hebrew letters appearing on the Likud's ballot slip, telling the crowd in sign language to return the present government to power.

MK David Magen, who spoke for

EYE-WITNESS Yitzhak Oked

Sharon, repeated the charge he made two years ago at the beginning of the war in Lebanon that Alignment politicians had called on Israel Defence Forces officers not to carry out orders in Lebanon.

At the time, Alignment leader Shimon Peres had then sued Magen for the statement. Magen told his listeners yesterday that he was still waiting for the suit and said that if he is brought to trial he will reveal more about Alignment accusations during the war.

Magen also said the Alignment has a secret plan for the election campaign, which it calls the "Ten Plagues." According to Magen, one of the "plagues" - "bringing the darkness on Israel" - was to have been carried out by Electric Corporation employees, but the workers decided to go back to work without receiving anything from the government.

High Court turns down petition on broadcasts

The High Court of Justice yesterday turned down a petition by two Tel Aviv lawyers to ban television election propaganda broadcasts designed "to amuse and cause laughter."

Central Elections Committee chairman Justice Gavriel Bach had previously turned down the lawyer's request. He said that while campaign

programmes mixed with entertainment are illegal, pure election propaganda presented by artists, even if mildly entertaining, is permitted.

The high court turned down the request on the grounds that the two parties that would be affected by a decision, the Likud and the Alignment, were not included in the petition.

Likud workers are fined for election law infringements

Fourteen Likud party workers were fined IS15,000 each in the Jerusalem Magistrates Court yesterday for staging a "Likud caravan" last Tuesday with election posters on their vehicles. Such practices are against the country's campaign laws. Judge Uzi Sivan also ruled that the 14 would be fined an additional IS50,000 each if they are caught breaking further campaign laws. (Itim)

Navon heckled

BEERSHEBA (Itim). - A group of hecklers waving Likud signs and shouting derogatory remarks last night tried to disrupt a speech by former president Yitzhak Navon at an Alignment rally in the conservative plaza here.

Policemen hustled the disrupters to the edges of the square, but they slipped away and dispersed throughout the crowd, where they continued to shout and wave their banners. Alignment activists countered by trying to raise their signs even higher.

HI-TECH. - The cornerstone-laying ceremony was held yesterday for a 100-dunam industrial park for high technology industries in the town of Efrat. Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt said preparation of the park will begin soon.

CASTLES. - A competition for building sand-castles will be held next Saturday at 11 a.m. on the Rishon Lezion beach. Those wishing to enter must register at the municipal office at the beach.

On the eighth anniversary of the death of

Sgan-Aluf

YONATAN NETANYAHU

who fell in Operation Yonatan at Entebbe

A memorial service will be held at Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery, Jerusalem, on Sunday, July 8, at 5:30 p.m.

Speaker:
Aluf Ehud Barak, D.M.I.

Buses will leave from the Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv, for Mt. Herzl at 4:00 p.m.

Yoni's Friends and Family

TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

The Board of Governors,
The Executive Council and The University Authorities of Tel Aviv University share the grief of

Dina and Yona Ettinger
members of the University's Board of Governors, and the members of their family, on the untimely passing of

Dr. AKIVA RUDICH

and express sincere condolences.

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HARRY MELMED

Helen (Ellie) Maimed
Bertha Klein and Family
Stephanie Bello and Family
The Fish Families
Sister, Ethel Marcus.
Niece, Bertha Widan, and Family

בית דין תאונה

We deeply mourn the death of our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother

BERTHA REINHARTH

The funeral took place in New York on July 3, 1984.

Nettie and Joseph Ellenberg, New York
Leon and Francoise Reinhardt, New York
Rosalyn and Israel Ribner, Beersheba
Sara and Haim Halpern, New Jersey

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ANALYSIS/Hanoch and Rafi Smith

Little trust in Likud economics

The public has significantly greater confidence in the Alignment's ability to handle the country's economic problems than it does in the Likud's, the Smith Research Centre June poll shows.

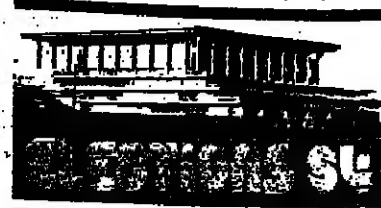
Only 24 per cent of those polled felt the Likud could better handle the economy, compared to 48 per cent who said the Alignment. The remaining 28 per cent was undecided.

Twenty per cent thought the Likud was more capable of handling inflation, to 46 for the Alignment. In no area was the gap between the two so wide.

Only 17 per cent agreed with the statement "The government will succeed in preserving a stable economy," while 55 per cent clearly disagreed. The remaining 28 per cent stated no clear opinion.

Before the recent passage of the law protecting public savings, 54 per cent felt the government was unable to preserve the real value of the public's savings, with 25 per cent saying it was capable of doing this.

By 48 to 25 per cent plurality, the public felt that because of the election economy, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad was losing control of the economy.



When the poll was taken during June 10-14, 50 per cent reported that their standard of living had fallen over the past few months, and 33 per cent said it had not.

Only 20 per cent of those interviewed in the June poll agreed that former finance minister Yoram Aridor's "correct economics" were actually correct, and 60 per cent disagreed. And 29 per cent thought that the Likud was on the right path, while 55 per cent did not.

All the data together gave a picture of an electorate troubled by economic matters and by the Likud's treatment of them. Perhaps the most revealing point was the reaction to the following statement: "A wise person is one who buys black market dollars." 58 per cent agreed, while only 19 per cent disagreed, the rest abstaining.

But if this picture is bleak for the Likud, all is not bright for the Alignment.

ment. While, as noted, slightly less than half of those interviewed said the Alignment is better for the economy than the Likud, in answer to another question 43 per cent said they thought no party could solve today's economic problems. Only 34 per cent said they thought one of the two parties could solve the problems.

Responding to other questions, the public indicated skepticism as to whether either party had formulas that would solve today's problems. For example, 38 per cent thought the Alignment's economic plans could produce a healthy economy, 30 per cent disagreed, and 32 per cent were undecided or had no opinion.

The major parties take great pains in their election campaigns to assure voters that they will avoid severe economic measures if elected, but the public is apparently unconvinced. To the statement "No matter which party is elected, after the election there will be severe economic measures," 75 per cent of those polled answered in the affirmative and only nine per cent did not agree.

As previously published, the June poll showed that the Alignment had a lead of 44 per cent to 28 per cent over the Likud among Jewish voters.



Arie Eliav holding the picture of him shaking hands with the late PLO official Issam Sartawi after the two were awarded the Bruno Kreisky Peace Prize in Vienna in 1979.

Aguda, Shas pact

After a week's negotiations, Agudat Yisrael and Shas - the Sephardi Haredi list - have signed a surplus-votes agreement. The two parties also agreed not to attack one another.

Ne'eman cites cost of Sinai

TEL AVIV. - The increase in Israel's foreign debt from \$10.5 billion five years ago to \$21b. today corresponds exactly to the difference Israel pays for its oil and coal since abandoning Sinai. Yuval Ne'eman, the Tehiya Party leader, told a gathering in Afeka on Wednesday night.

"Those who deplore Israel's economic ills should have thought of it before insisting on leaving Sinai," the science and development minister said.

Two arrested in Yehud for playing campaign song

YEHUD (Itim). - The police confiscated a tape player from a man and a minor Wednesday evening after they broke election-campaign laws by playing Likud election music on a local street. The two were released after questioning.

Eliav would join Labour gov't despite statements against him

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Despite the attacks by Alignment leaders on Arie Eliav, he announced yesterday that if the Alignment needs his vote to form a government he will support it unconditionally.

At a press conference yesterday, Eliav challenged Yitzhak Rabin to a televised confrontation about the pressing problems of the state and said he was willing to dedicate half of the eight broadcast minutes he has left to the confrontation.

Rabin and Peres were quoted as saying that "every vote for Eliav is a vote lost to the Alignment." Rabin also reportedly said: "How lucky we are that Eliav is not a member of the Alignment. All we needed now was that the Likud would use pictures of Eliav with Palestinian leaders in its propaganda against us."

Eliav showed journalists a picture of himself shaking hands with Palestinian leader Issam Sartawi at Bruno Kreisky's presidential palace in Vienna, noting that his relations with Kreisky and Palestinian leaders

were instrumental in getting Israel's PoWs back.

"The transactions to return the PoWs began with Kreisky, and I hope this handshake (in the photo) will help bring all our remaining prisoners home," Eliav said. "If Rabin thinks this will make the Alignment fail - what can I say?"

He called it absurd that whereas it was former Prime Minister Menachem Begin who asked him to use his connections with Kreisky and Palestinians on behalf of our prisoners, the Alignment is now attacking him for these connections.

Eliav was refused a "safe" place on the Alignment list when he wanted to rejoin that bloc.

Members of the United Kibbutz Movement (Takam) who attended the news conference said that the movement had asked the Alignment to take Eliav back into the party, but was refused.

Eliav said he had no wish to clash with the Alignment during the next two weeks and asked that it not interfere with his own campaign as head of a Knesset list.

Tel Aviv bomb dismantled minutes before set time

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - An explosive charge was discovered under a seat in a bus stop in the Bavi Quarter and dismantled minutes before it was due to explode yesterday.

A number of Arabs in the area were arrested for questioning. The police said that the bomb was apparently set by terrorists.

At about 12 noon, 27-year-old Shlomo Podim, of the Bavi Quarter, was riding his bicycle past the quarter's Dekel Cinema in Herzog Street. The stop for the No. 14 is opposite the cinema entrance. He noticed a blue plastic bag under the bench in the bus stop, with no one

standing near it.

Podim stopped to check and saw wires protruding from the bag. A shopkeeper, who had also seen the bag but did nothing, then called the police.

Two police vans arrived, but the gathering crowd of onlookers made it difficult for the police sappers to examine and detonate the charge. The bomb consisted of two explosive charges and a clock, set to go off a few minutes later.

Other police cars closed off the area while policemen searched the neighbourhood for suspects.

Police units were instructed yesterday to be on the alert throughout the city.

Intended bombing victim to testify

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Former El-Bira mayor Ibrahim Tawil is to appear as a prosecution witness in the Jerusalem District Court today in the trial of two military-government officers charged with aiding the alleged Jewish terrorist group.

Rav-Seren Shlomo Leviatan of Shilo in Samaria and Seren Aharon Gila of Jerusalem are accused of having known of the group's plans to attack leaders of the radical National

Guidance Committee of which Tawil was a member, and of failing to inform their superiors or otherwise acting to prevent the attack.

Leviatan is said to have supplied the terrorists with information about their targets, and Gila of having failed to warn a sapper who was sent to check Tawil's car and garage.

The sapper, Suleiman Hirbawi, was blinded when a charge planted outside Tawil's garage exploded. He testified last week.

Teachers renew pay demands

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - There is still a 25 per cent gap between teachers' salaries and engineers' salaries, despite the implementation of the Etzioni recommendations that were supposed to equalize them, the newly elected secretary of the Histadrut Teachers Union, Yitzhak Welber, told delegates at the union's convention yesterday.

"We made mutual concessions in implementing Etzioni," he said, referring to the teacher's acceptance of smaller pay rises in return for not increasing their work load as much as the Etzioni Commission had recommended. "But we must now work to close the gap between us and the engineers, and we certainly will not forgo the parity bonus because that will make the gap wider instead of narrower."

He said teachers should have to teach two hours less for every 10 years of service, so that an elementary school teacher with twenty years service would teach 26 hours a week instead of 30. This, plus giving those teachers more out-of-classroom jobs in schools, is a

better solution to burn-out than early retirement, he said. Today, teacher's positions are reduced by two hours at age 50 and by another two at age 55.

He talked about the need for reform in elementary school education. "If they would give us just the money which the marble and empty spaces in the universities cost, we could build a marvelous system of kindergartens and elementary schools, both in physical plant and in teaching resources," he said.

The convention decided, at Welber's suggestion, to establish its own pedagogical council alongside that of the Education Ministry, to do independent educational research and to propose policies and programmes. Another of his ideas adopted by the convention was that trainees at teachers' colleges can join the union as associate members.

The Secondary School Teachers Association last night threatened to disrupt preparations for the new school year in protest against Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad's refusal to meet with them to discuss their wage demands.

New section opened on TA bypass

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - A new section of the Ayalon Road, from Derech Hashahar in northern Tel Aviv to Rehov La Guardia in the south, was inaugurated yesterday. It provides an extension to the fast roadway already in use between Derech Hashalom and Derech Ha Haichala.

The Ayalon Road, parallel to Derech Haifa and Derech Petah Tikva, is a thoroughfare, without traffic lights from the city's north to the south. The latest section, 14

kilometres long, was completed at a cost of \$10 million, which went for ditches, tunnels, supporting walls, lighting and signaling.

In about six months, another section linking the Ayalon Road to the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway is due to be completed. So far, the Ayalon project has cost \$150m., and another \$50m. will be needed to complete its northern section from Derech Ha Haichala to the Gilot Junction. All together, the road will be 14 kilometres long.

PRESENTING: THE TWO MAJOR PARTY CONTEST



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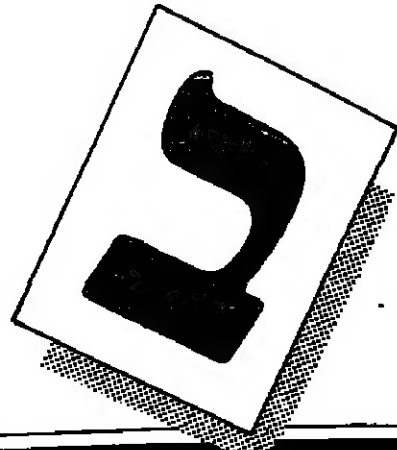
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Two U.S. diplomats detained for 'talking to Soviet citizen'

MOSCOW (AP). — Soviet authorities detained two diplomats from the U.S. Embassy in Moscow who were "talking to a Soviet citizen" and held them for two hours on Wednesday, an embassy spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said political officer Jon Purnell and consular officer George Glass were accused of "activities inconsistent with diplomatic status."

The two diplomats are considered human-rights specialists. U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

who was in Florida, said the U.S. had protested against the arrests. "It's not serious in the sense of taking hostages or anything, but it's a major annoyance," he said.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Anita Stockman said Purnell and Glass were released apparently unharmed, but the embassy "has formally protested their unjustifiable detention."

"We have established that neither at the time of their detention by Soviet authorities on July 4 nor on any other occasion were the activi-

ties of Purnell and Glass inconsistent with their status as diplomats," Stockman said.

"What they were doing was talking to a Soviet citizen in a public place, outside," the U.S. Embassy spokesman in Moscow said. He said he was not sure when the incident occurred and could not say whether the two diplomats were taken to a police station or some other government office.

Accusations of activities inconsistent with diplomatic status some-

times precede expulsion proceedings against a diplomat, but the embassy spokesman said no such notice had been given to the U.S. Embassy. There was no official Soviet comment on the detentions.

A State Department official said the two officers were meeting with Soviet citizens involved in the Solzhenitsyn fund. The fund, named after Soviet dissident and Nobel Prize-winning author Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who has emigrated to the U.S., was set up to help political prisoners in the Soviet Union.



Molotov. (Pictured in 1940s)

Soviet Communists readmit Molotov

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Vyacheslav Molotov, Stalin's foreign minister, disgraced since his dismissal in 1957 by Nikita Khrushchev, has been readmitted to the Soviet Communist Party at age 94, a Soviet official said yesterday.

A spokesman for the Soviet Foreign Ministry press department told Western correspondents he could confirm reports that Molotov had been readmitted.

He would not comment on a report in the Italian Communist Party newspaper *Daily Unità* that Molotov's rehabilitation had been marked by a telephone conversation with Soviet President Konstantin Chernenko.

Molotov was a faithful lieutenant of Josef Stalin from early revolutionary days to the Soviet dictator's death in 1953.

An involuntary contribution to his fame was the "Molotov cocktail," the nickname given to thrown petrol bombs. But he was an active participant in an epochal event of the 20th century that bears his name: the signing of what is known as the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact on August 23, 1939, which launched World War II.

By 1956 Molotov was on the way out. New party chief Nikita Khrushchev had debunked the Stalin myth and was setting about ridding himself of Stalin's men.

Record prices for clock and painting

LONDON (AP). — A mid-17th century German ivory clock with silver gilt mounts sold for £842,400 yesterday, by far the most ever paid for a timepiece at auction, Christie's auction house said.

The previous record price for a timepiece was £184,659 for an art deco clock sold at Christie's in 1979.

Another record was set yesterday at Sotheby's auction house here, where a seascape painting by the British artist J.M.W. Turner sold for £7,370,000.

Major Bolivian trade union launches indefinite strike

LA PAZ. — The Bolivian government, still reeling from an abortive coup last weekend, faced a new crisis yesterday as the powerful trade union began an indefinite general strike.

The 13 to 8 vote to strike by the Bolivian Labour Confederation executive board Wednesday night was

considered a challenge to President Hernán Siles Zuazo, who was abducted for 10 hours last Saturday in an aborted coup attempt.

Government officials had hoped that labour's relief over the survival of democratic government would ease the way to a peaceful settlement of chronic differences over wages.

prices and Bolivia's \$4.4 billion foreign debt.

Confederation leaders, in turn, had hoped the government would modify its position on key issues in gratitude for last Saturday's mobilization of factory workers and miners, which labour leaders contend helped to discourage the bulk of the

military from joining the uprising.

Siles Zuazo's government has been beset by economic woes since taking office in October 1982 after 18 years of military rule. Inflation is running at 760 per cent a year, and Bolivia is four months behind on its debt payments to private foreign banks. (AP, Reuters)

Hispanic mayor from Texas rates high with Mondale

NORTH OAKS, Minnesota (AP). — Walter Mondale, after a three-hour interview on Wednesday with Henry Cisneros, said the 37-year-old Hispanic mayor from San Antonio, Texas, would make "a superb vice-president."

The interview at Mondale's home continued the former vice-president's search for a Democratic running mate to face President Ronald Reagan in the November elections.

"I think that the fact that we are considering a person who happens to

be of Hispanic background says something that I want to say to the nation and that is, as president I intend to have a nation in which we open doors," Mondale said.

He said the mayor is an example of the realization of the American dream of equality and opportunity.

Cisneros told reporters that "it is a great source of pride for my family, my city and people of my heritage that I would be invited here on July 4, 1984."

"The very fact that I would be invited — a person whose grandfather came to this country in 1924, whose

mother was born in Mexico, whose father was born in New Mexico (state), one of 12 children of very, very humble means — speaks to our party as the party of unprecedented opportunity," he added.

San Antonio is 53 per cent Hispanic and has a population of about one million, making it America's 10th largest city.

In Detroit, meanwhile, Reagan tried to woo working-class support from Mondale, by saying his administration's economic policies helped rescue America's auto indus-

try from "the edge of a catastrophe" that had been building for 20 years.

"The American automobile industry is back — back with pride, back with teamwork and back with performance that can and will make us Number One," Reagan said in a speech prepared for dedication ceremonies for a General Motors high-technology assembly plant.

United Auto Workers leaders have blamed Reagan for plunging the industry into a depression that forced plant closings and massive layoffs earlier in his administration. The UAW has endorsed Mondale.

Death plunge ends 'friendly argument'

CHICAGO (AP). — Two men who had "just a friendly argument" about the Olympics tried to settle it by racing down a hallway at their law firm, and one crashed through a 39th-floor window and fell to his death.

Hundreds of people watched in horror on the street outside the 41-story Prudential Building as Reginald Tucker, 29, a lawyer with the firm of Schuyler, Roche and Zwirner, plunged to the pavement.

"It was just a friendly argument," said James Allison, controller for the firm. "They were arguing about the Olympics."

Tucker, who had poor eyesight, sprinted directly into the full-length plate-glass window at the west end of the corridor Tuesday night, the police said. He was not wearing his contact lenses at the time because of a scratched cornea.

The law firm had thrown a party to celebrate its expansion. Late that night, after most of the celebrants had left, Tucker and another attorney had the argument, then raced down a marble-floored corridor.

Commander of Argentinian army quits

BUENOS AIRES (AP). — The head of the army high command, Brigadier General Jorge Arguindegui, resigned yesterday following reports of unrest in the nation's armed forces.

A terse government communique issued Wednesday night disclosed that the Defence Ministry had accepted the resignation of Arguindegui. Another communique announced the resignation of the Third Army Corps commander, Brig.-Gen. Pedro Pablo Mansilla.

Arguindegui was replaced as army high command chief by Brig.-Gen. Ricardo Gustavo Pianta, the ministry said. No immediate replacement was named for Mansilla.

Local newspapers have carried many reports in recent days of military unrest, and Mansilla has been quoted as saying there have been

moves to oust him. Defence Minister Raul Borrás has denied the reports, which focused on alleged differences between Arguindegui and other high military officials.

Meanwhile, a federal judge in the city of Córdoba ordered the arrest yesterday of retired Gen. Juan Bautista Salsain, a former head of the federal police, in connection with the 1976 arrest and death of a schoolteacher.

Judge Gustavo Becerra Ferrer ordered Salsain detained at a military installation after Salsain gave testimony in compliance with an order from the court.

Ferrer is handling the case of schoolteacher Amelia Inzaurrealde, who died while under arrest by the security forces in April 1976 in Córdoba, 700 kilometres northwest of Buenos Aires.

Scientists can give insects extra legs

NEW YORK (AP). — A group of genes that appear to serve as master switches controlling the development of an adult from a fertilized egg have been isolated in fruit flies and humans, according to a report yesterday in *Nature* magazine.

The discovery of this surprising similarity between insects and humans suggests that the same genes exist in a wide range of animals. They have in fact already been found in worms, frogs, chickens and mice.

Allen Laughon, a post-doctoral student at the University of Colorado at Boulder and Matthew Scott, assistant professor of biology at the university, found that portions of three critically important fruit fly genes were identical.

The researchers also found that the genes are related to certain proteins that in turn control other genes — substances known as DNA binding proteins, DNA, or deoxyribonucleic acid. Is the chemical genes are made of.

A research team working independently at the University of Basel in Switzerland found the same gene fragment in frogs and evidence of it in other species of animals, including humans.

The workings of the genes in fruit flies have been determined by looking at fruit flies with imperfect, or mutated, copies of these genes.

One gene controls the growth of the fruit fly's antennae. If that gene

is damaged, legs grow out of the head where the antennae should be. Another gene controls the number of segments in the body of the fly. If the gene is defective, only half the number of segments will be present, and the fly larvae will not survive.

This research speaks to one of the great mysteries in biology: how a single, uniform egg can give rise to such disparate structures as, say, the rugged muscle of the heart and the crystalline lens of the eye.

Scientists can now search through the 50,000 or so human genes to see which contain this fragment. The genes that are found to contain it presumably have some important control function.

Sports

There's life in the old girl yet

WIMBLEDON (AP). — Pam Shriver dismissed her as "Not the Chris of old." Kathy Jordan and Hana Mandlikova made similarly disparaging remarks.

Chris Evert Lloyd listened patiently to those comments and swore a mighty oath: "Just keep winning... let your tennis do the talking."

Yesterday, it spoke in verse. The three-time Wimbledon champion, who has played in eight finals on the tennis world's most sacred turf, drove, sliced, back-handed and passed her way to a humiliating 6-1, 6-2 demolition of Mandlikova, the powerful serve-and-volleyer from Czechoslovakia, ranked no. 3 behind Lloyd.

In the second semi-final, Martina Navratilova gained her predicted victory over Kathy Jordan 6-3, 6-4.

So overwhelmed was Mandlikova that she slung her equipment over her shoulder and strode from centre court alone, not waiting to walk side-by-side with her opponent as tradition demands. She also ducked the obligatory post-match interview.

"That would definitely have to be one of my best matches this year," Lloyd said. "It was the right match for everything to come together... I think I proved a point, even though I don't need to prove anything to anybody."

Lloyd's triumph earned her a trip to the finals to face Martina Navratilova on Saturday, the fourth time they've battled for the crown. Navratilova has won all three previous times — in 1978, 1979 and 1982.

Mandlikova had only beaten Lloyd twice in 17 previous meetings. But, this year, she's been playing mighty tennis.

Navratilova criticized her former compatriot for leaving the court by herself.

Yorks yorked

LONDON (AP). — Shropshire won an unexpected victory on Wednesday by beating Yorkshire in a knockout competition at Telford. The non-County Championship side won by 37 runs.

Shropshire scored a respectable 229 for five, with the former Pakistan test batsman Mushtaq Mohammad scoring 80. He took three for 26 as Yorkshire were humbled for 192.

At Edgbaston, Alvin Kalicharan, another former Test batsman, hammered 206 off Oxfordshire's bowlers and then helped himself to six for 43. He hit 35 fours and four sixes.

It was the highest individual score in limited overs cricket in England, and Warwickshire's total of 392 for five was a record for the competition.

Kalicharan, who rarely bowls, was called on to try his luck as Oxfordshire had no chance of reaching Warwickshire's huge score, to which Kenneth Smith contributed 101.

Graham Gooch scored a century as Essex hit 327 for six against Scotland and won by 190 runs.

Athletics tourney

TEL AVIV. — The finals of the annual national track and field championships take place this weekend at the Herta and Paul Amir Stadium here, with the programme starting at 6 p.m. tomorrow and resuming at the same hour on Sunday.

"You just don't do that. It's so unprofessional, it's not even thought of. She just has no respect for anybody. She's putting a lot of pressure on herself," she said.

She said she did not expect Lloyd to win so easily. "What happened out there was quite remarkable. Hana put a lot of pressure on herself by bypassing Chris beforehand and talking about the final," Navratilova said.

Lloyd played at the peak of her form. The 29-year-old American, who last won Wimbledon in 1981, beating Mandlikova in the final, took just 45 minutes to crush the Czechoslovak opponent on the centre court.

Kathy Jordan fought gallantly but without any conviction against the overwhelming serve and volley game of Navratilova, who never put a foot wrong.

All the Czech-born naturalized American had to do to reach the final was hold her service and she did it in ruthless style.

She served four love games, including the last game of the match, when she had three match points but needed only one when Jordan netted a service return.

"If I can serve and volley like that, I'm not going to lose," said Navratilova. "But I have played enough matches over the years to know what Chris can do. She has not been playing that well on any surface this year, but she's been getting better and better with each match here."

Navratilova is going for a triple victory — singles, doubles and mixed doubles. The women's semi-finals will be played today. Gail Bloom and Heidi Rottman lost their first round ladies' doubles match to Luke Jensen and Patrick McEnroe 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. Israeli Television unexpectedly decided to televise the women's semi-finals on at 2:30 p.m. today to see what's happening — and should also watch Jordan Channel Three.

Rice's grand slam

NEW YORK (AP). — Jim Rice belted a grand-slam homer with one out in the bottom of the 10th inning, his fifth hit of the game, lifting the Boston Red Sox to a 13-9 victory over the Oakland A's on Wednesday.

Rice, who had four consecutive singles before striking out against reliever Gorman Heimerl in the eighth, got even with the Oakland left-hander by drilling a 2-1 pitch into the Boston bullpen in right-centre for his 15th homer.

National League

St. Louis 4, San Francisco 3, 1st game; St. Louis 5, San Francisco 1, 2nd game; Houston 18, New York 5, Cleveland 5, Philadelphia 4, 10 innings; Montreal 7, Atlanta 4, Chicago 3, San Diego 1; Los Angeles 9, Pittsburgh 6.

American League
Baltimore 4, Minnesota 4; Boston 13, Oakland 9, 10 innings; Kansas City 4, Cleveland 4; Milwaukee 4, Seattle 3; Chicago 8, Detroit 7; Toronto 6, California 3; New York 5, Texas 7.

Perkins flying

TEL AVIV. — Israel's high-flying No. 2 tennis player Shahar Perkins, 21, has reached the quarter-finals of the \$23,000 ATP "challenger series" tournament in Travemunde, West Germany, by virtue of a resounding 6-0, 6-1 second-round victory over local opponent Andy Kohlberg.

Perkins is around 135 on the ATP rankings after reaching the second round at Wimbledon last week, and has now climbed several more places up the ladder as he edges towards the top 100.

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David Richardson

Return to Kafr Kassem

The Post's David Richardson follows the campaign trail to a village with a history, to hear Rakah's Tawfik Toubi (right).



Israel Sun

KAFR KASSEM is a village built on rock. Ten minutes east of Rosh Ha'ayin, half an hour from the heart of Tel Aviv, its stone and cinder-block houses are perched on a ridge of granite which rises suddenly out of the green fields once worked by the villagers.

Along the dusty, cracked roads and inside the little courtyards there is hardly any greenery. On the outskirts, brass new two- and three-story houses built in a fantastic mélange of conflicting architectural styles show off the new wealth of those who have "made it" in the Israeli economy.

The village partly straddles the new "trans-Samaria highway," pushed through the countryside to serve the new dormitory settlements of the West Bank. One has to turn off this "highway" into the village proper to come face to face with its not-too-distant tragic history.

In a monument not unlike those erected by the Defence Ministry in memory of fallen soldiers, the names of 49 villagers shot by Border Police during the 1956 Sinai Campaign have been etched in black on a slab of marble. They were killed while "turning from the fields, quite unaware that a curfew had been declared because of the war."

News of this "unfortunate incident," as it was later termed in the Knesset, was suppressed for more than two years. It took a clandestine visit by a young Arab Knesset Member to uncover the full extent of the massacre that had taken place.

Parliamentary questions he and his colleagues presented were not allowed and their words were struck from the record. It was only after a report was circulated to the local and foreign press that enough pressure mounted to force the prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, to make a statement to the House.

THIS WEEK, that Knesset member, now one of the "grand old men" of the Knesset, was back in Kafr Kassem. But this time, Tawfik Toubi was not there clandestinely. He was the central attraction at an open election rally organized by the local branch of Rakah, or the Democratic

Front for Peace and Equality, Israel's communist party.

In the central square of the old part of the village where the rally was to take place, young men had taken over the corner coffee house and rigged up an amplifier and loudspeakers. Banners and green-and-black posters with the distinctive Arabic letter that is Rakah's symbol in the polling booths were slung up haphazardly on walls and electricity pylons.

The grandest building in the square, just on the other side of the street from the coffee house, was free of any such decoration. It is the mosque and, in fact, the only women to be seen in the square, as the all male and predominantly young audience began to gather, were two young girls in orthodox Moslem dress.

The men, mostly in their twenties and thirties, were dressed in jeans or slacks and sports shirts. Several had clearly just come back from work, their clothes still soiled with the dust of building rubble. Seated in the street at small plastic tables and sipping cups of tea or coffee, they glanced through the propaganda leaflets that party activists had distributed, read copies of Rakah's *al-Ithad*, now a daily newspaper, or the Hebrew afternoon papers, and played cards and backgammon.

Tawfik Toubi and Charlie Biton were to speak that evening, said Mahmoud Azayat, the local party secretary, but in the end only Toubi showed up.

The crowd, numbering perhaps two hundred men paid little attention as Azayat opened the proceedings and introduced Mahmoud Ali Amari, a student at the Technion. The young man, a member of the party, began to read his speech, with "Bismillah, Allahu Rahmani Rahim" — By the grace of God.

Azayat explained "that's how one speaks in the villages. In the towns it is different."

Amari was followed by another student, Adel Ibrahim Ghadar, recently returned from Kiev where he had completed his fourth year of studies in international law.

Later, Toubi explained that the

party makes a special effort to provide bursaries for students from Kafr Kassem "because of what happened." Currently there are six students abroad, three in Russia, three in Hungary. All have returned to help in the elections.

Ghasan Bishara, a teacher from Tira and a veteran Rakah activist, began a lengthy introduction of

Zionist list in Kafr Kassem. Bishara told the crowd, many of whom were still sitting with their backs to him. "That should never happen in Kafr Kassem because the village has to preserve the memory of the martyrs."

"Our tragedies are our pride. We will never forget them," he continued. "It is not by chance that our brothers in the occupied territories

"front" for the Alignment: "It's banning by the Elections Committee and the High Court of Justice's reversal of that was no more than a sophisticated PR trick," said the *al-Ithad* man.

According to Azayat, the middle aged and elderly never come to the coffee houses or to such political meetings: "If they want to hear, they

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Toubi. His remarks were frequently drowned out by the sound of a tractor or heavy vehicles pushing their way slowly up the hill and through the crowd.

But the crowd, it seemed, paid little attention. The card games continued and there was a constant rumble of totally unrelated conversations. The smell of frying *lufel* from a stand wafted across, and more and more people got up to buy a portion.

This was, said Azayat, the first public meeting in the village. Until now, throughout the month of Ramadan, there have been parlour meetings but this was the first time they had gone on to the streets.

No one quite seemed to remember how Kafr Kassem voted in the last elections. About 40 per cent went to Rakah, 30 per cent to Labour and the rest spread around smaller lists, said Azayat.

So far, he said, only Rakah had really been active. A reporter from *al-Ithad* who covers the Triangle area, confirmed this, adding that one heard that the Alignment or Ezer Weizman activists had been in the villages, but always in private homes and their visits were never advertised in advance.

"It will be sad if votes go to a

and in the Arab world are watching us to see how we vote."

PROCEEDINGS were interrupted for the *maghreb* evening prayer in the mosque next door. As the muezzin called out his high-pitched "Allahu Akbar," the crowd dispersed, card games and shesh-besh resumed and the normal street life of the village took over. Political interest was not at a pitch yet, explained Azayat, but as election day approaches, people will become more involved.

"There is a strong religious influence in Kafr Kassem, more so than in any other village or town in the Triangle," said the *al-Ithad* reporter. "There are people who will vote NRP, although those who are members of the Moslem Brotherhood will not vote at all."

The joint Arab-Jewish Progressive List for Peace, led by the Haifa lawyer Mohammed Miari, is dismissed by all as divisive and as a

stand on the edge of the crowd. Elections with us are different from Jewish villages. We still have 'vote-contractors' who appear on the last day and deliver the support of their clan for money or for promises."

TOUBI is a superb orator and is known as such. Pointing his arm in the direction of the thin crescent of the new moon which seemed to hang in the sky over Tel Aviv, he greeted his audience on the occasion of *Id el Fitr*, the feast that marks the end of Ramadan. His first words drew the crowd's attention and everyone turned round to face him. But still there was no significant drop in the level of noise.

Toubi spoke for over an hour, at the end of which he was drenched with perspiration. A neat man with greying hair and a clipped, almost white, moustache he delivered a dramatic harangue against Rakah's opponents in the election, on the need for unity and on the party's

aims for the next term in the Knesset.

His voice soared from intimate conversational tones to a roar about the government's policies in Lebanon. Newspaper ads from Labour and Ezer Weizman's Yahad list were waved in the air, he crouched and stretched, clenched his fingers in tight circles when talking of how both big parties wanted to "strangle the Front" and waved behind him, recalling how Uri Avineri, now on Miari's list, had written "The Target — Damascus" in an article following the 1967 war.

Rakah favoured the creation of a Palestinian state alongside Israel, he said. Both the Likud and the Alignment were interested in having the Arabs in Israel as no more than "hewers of wood and drawers of water." Deputy Knesset Speaker Meir Cohen-Avidov did not cease inciting the government against the Arab population.

BUT THE MAIN targets of Toubi's speech were the Alignment and the Progressive List for Peace. The Alignment had not changed its policies in 10 years and these were as bankrupt now as they were then.

"Avineri boasted in the court that he was a member of the Irgun Zvai Leumi together with Begin," he continued. "What kind of list is that — they (Miari) claiming that they are proud Arabs and that he was in the Irgun?"

"Without Rakah, we would be refugees. The famous poets of our generation — Mahmoud Darwish, Samih al Kassem, Tawfik Zayad — all germinated and grew on the soil of

the party. Emile Habibi's stories did not grow out of Avineri's garbage heap," he said.

"Begin, Sharon, Eitan. Peres and Rabin with their cannons and knives wanted to humble Syria before their American masters. But Russia is the only basis on which our Palestinian people can build its struggle."

Throughout, the crowd remained passive, almost indifferent. But it was the final remarks and the mention of a name which drew the real applause: "July 23 (election day) is also the anniversary of Gamal Abdel Nasser's revolution against British imperialism," he said. "With your help, we will also turn that into our day of victory."

LATER, in a private home, Toubi drank tea with about 20 local activists. All were young and it is they who will be at the forefront of the party's efforts on election day.

Rakah will not do a deal with Labour, he said, even if its anticipated five or six seats will effectively block a Likud-led coalition. Everything will depend on the policies of the new government.

But he agreed that Rakah would actively oppose a Likud government and would allow Labour to govern by abstaining in votes of confidence: "Everything is open."

Miari was unlikely to win even one seat, he told the young men. Labour's efforts in the Arab sector were, so far, pitiful: "They are whisperers," he said, confident that Rakah would be making its impact in open-air rallies and on the streets of villages like Kafr Kassem throughout the Triangle and in the Galilee, in Haifa, Nazareth and in Acre.

Another Open Letter to Members of AACI-Jerusalem Region

In my last open letter, which appeared on June 22, 1984, I exposed the practice of recommending a specific travel agent in return for a monthly "contribution" made on the basis of ticket sales to clients who show their AACI membership card. Rather than discontinue this dubious practice, the chairman of the Jerusalem Region has seen fit to encourage the kickback system by expanding his so-called "travel benefits" programme to three additional agencies. AACI members should know that no survey was undertaken to determine which agencies offer the best value for the consumer's money. They should also know that any member who succumbs to this type of advertising may be inadvertently supporting such practices as the sending of invitations to the AACI office, showing the names of members who have purchased tickets to go abroad and the amount spent on each trip.

Although I deplore the actions of those of my colleagues who have seen fit to join the kickback system, I can appreciate their concern for their livelihood. Fortunately, the company of which I am co-manager and co-owner is quite capable of weathering this episode, without changing its basic policy of providing outstanding quality service at competitive prices to all clients, regardless of race, religion, and ethnic origin. Had a survey of agencies been made on the basis of professional competence and knowledge in addition to price, I have no doubt that the Premier Land Ltd. would have come out on top.

Even at this late stage, I call on the Jerusalem Region of the AACI to cease the practice of recommending specific companies and/or individuals to their membership. If this practice is not stopped in the bud, we may yet see lists of dentists, doctors, lawyers and accountants, each of whom will be expected to make ongoing "contributions" to the AACI.

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YADIN'S FINAL WARNING

PUBLIC FACES / Mark Segal

HAS ANYONE informed Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of what amounts to the political last will and testament of the late Yigael Yadin, dean of Israeli archaeologists and deputy premier in Menachem Begin's first government?

Speaking to Yadin's brother, actor Yossi Yadin, by phone in his Michmoret home this week, I was told about a breakfast conversation he'd had with his brother hours before the fatal heart attack.

Prof. Yadin, who had stayed overnight at the family's seaside cottage, heard his brother say that he had decided to become involved in politics for the first time, on the Labour side, because of his deep fears about the country's future. According to brother Yossi, Yigael replied, in the most sombre tones: "The State of Israel must beware of one man, Ariel Sharon. If I had not been in the cabinet, he would have gone into Lebanon a few years earlier than he did. He managed to twist them around his little finger; he had all his plans ready."

"Sharon," the professor said, "must never, never again be allowed to lie and cheat our people."

IT IS ONLY a theory, but some people who should know do not discount the possibility that Syrian President Hafez Assad was attempting to stick a finger into the Israeli election pie by agreeing just now to the prisoner exchange. According to my sources, the Lion of Damascus fears that, if Shimon Peres were elected, he'd bring King Hussein of Jordan to Jerusalem and that would push Assad right out of his hard-earned place on the Middle East centre stage.

LIKUD CAMPAIGNERS have all but given up hope that Menachem Begin, the Herut leader for the first 10 elections to the Knesset, will come out of isolation and appear for the cause on TV. They are now pinning their hopes on a Begin radio message and are hoping that Likud candidate and ex-government secretary Dan Meridor, a long-time Begin favourite, can convince the ex-premier.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFECATION. Yona Klimovitzky, Begin's private secretary for more than 10 years, has been telling friends she won't vote Likud this time. Klimovitzky, who became close to Begin and his late wife Aliza, was the first victim of Yitzhak Shamir's de-Beginization at the PM's office; she left on the very day Shamir took office.

You'll recall that she was the first member of the Begin entourage to say that Begin's retirement was hastened by "betrayals" by some of his colleagues. She did not deny that Ariel Sharon was connected with Begin's feeling that he had been let down.

DISAPPEARING ACTS. Among those keeping a very low profile in the election campaign are controversy-stirring Labour MK Yossi Sarid, and former minister Victor Shentov of Mapam. (As a matter of fact, we've hardly seen a Mapam campaigner at all). The same is true on the other side of the



Kenneth Blalick



Eliahu Lankin



Motta Gur

fence, where both Ronnie Milo and Ehud Olmert have abandoned the hustings for the behind-the-scenes intrigues of the Kfar Hamaccabiah hotel, where the Likud runs its TV and radio propaganda efforts.

The biggest invisible man of the campaign is Ariel Sharon, of whom only glimpses have been seen on the Likud's TV shots. I have learned that a top-secret Likud poll found that Ariel's capacity to repel voters, especially the undecided, was far greater than his vote-getting appeal. When this information was submitted to the leadership forum at Kfar Hamaccabiah, it was also recommended that the former defence minister be kept at a very low profile on TV. I'm told that when only Milo sprang to his defence, Sharon erupted and cancelled his appearance in one Likud TV shot.

THE INTERNAL FIGHTS in the Likud team still continue. Liberal MK Pinchas Goldstein wrote to the campaign chief, Deputy Premier David Levy, informing him he was boycotting the campaign forum because "at campaign HQ, there are two kinds of people, those who work, and those who are busy leaking scurrilous stories against fellow campaign workers to the press." I also gather that one of the Likud's main electoral assets, Yvonne Mayor Meir Shitrit, gets so little exposure because of campaign chief Levy's animosity towards a likely rival from the Shamir faction.

SATIRICAL WRITER B. Michael recalled in *Haaretz* this week how he and the rest of the *Nikui Rosh* team gave Sefi Rivlin his first chance in TV, when he went to town lampooning Gush Emunim Rabbi Moshe Levinger.

SO FAR the family-related gimmicks of the campaign have been the Likud reminding voters of the Bulgarian origin of Shulamit, Premier Shamir's wife, and Labour focusing on the half-Moroccan grandson, Nadav, of Shimon Peres. Many Labour people are irate with Peres' wife Sonia for refusing to cooperate with the campaigners. She won't appear alongside her husband on television and bars the camera from their Neve Avim home. She won't even let them photograph Peres with his IAF pilot son.

I HEAR OF complaints from Labour Party branches that thousands of volunteers are not being utilized by a campaign headquarters growing increasingly smug as E-Day gets nearer. Although campaign chief Motta Gur intended that the campaign be controlled from HQ, it is already clear that the actual control is elsewhere — in three places, to be precise: the suite in the Palace Hotel hired by Gitam image moulders, where its director Moshe Te'umim has a direct line to Peres' office; the third floor of the Sheraton Hotel, where the creative work of the Keshet Baril publicity agency is done, and at the United Film Studios in Herzliya, where the party's TV production unit works under Dan Shilon's direction. The most influential figure is Te'umim. I hear that Peres believes in him as he believed in Eliezer Zurebin in 1981.

Peres enjoyed a very warm reception at the assembly of the Jewish Agency, especially from the overseas delegates. However, agency chairman Arye Dulzín was a marked exception. He was the only one to stay sitting when the others gave Peres a standing ovation. I hear that not all the WZO delegates were enthusiastic with the increased influence of the American fund-raisers, as prompted by Dulzín. Ex-Ramat Gan mayor Dr. Israel Peled went as far as to express this resentment at one of the board of governors' sessions, saying: "The agency cannot be treated as if it is a U.S. corporation; nor can it be run by remote control." Board chairman Jerrold (Chuck) Hoffberger rose to challenge Peled, arguing that it was an unfair and untrue allegation.

NO WONDER that TV funny man Shlomo Nitzan has been denied the MC job of The Good Hour talk show. It seems that while sunbathing on the Tel Aviv beach, he was approached by a team of Young Likud campaigners handing out sunshades. His response: "We don't need sunshades, you should throw us lifebelts."

YAHAD'S Ezer Weizman says that the currency of the Likud National Camp is the black-market dollar.

FUNNY HOW election eve has softened up Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad and Director-General Nissan Baruch who refuse to pay

more money to civil servants and even firemen. Midweek they submitted to Knesset Finance Committee Chairman Shlomo Lorincz a plea for approval to spend \$564 million on handouts to educational and cultural institutions tied to the Likud — \$550m, to the Herut National College and \$13.8m, to the Herut *Hoyek* cultural club run by MK Michael Reiser. For sweetening, they included a request for \$4.3m to Labour's Golda Meir Foundation and \$350,000 to the Levi Eshkol Fund. Labour's committee caucus whip Adiel Amoral wanted to throw the scheme out, while Lorincz asked the Treasury to review the matter.

NOTWITHSTANDING official South African protests to Israeli Ambassador Eliahu Lankin about Israeli business deals with Ciskei, some of his fellow-Herutniks have ignored the warning, including former finance minister Yoram Aridor, and his old law partner, Likud Knesset faction chief Ronnie Milo. I gather that Premier Shamir's main party lieutenant confirms that his law office handles the account of Ciskei's representative in Israel, Nat Rosenwasser. He even mentioned a dinner in honour of guests from the protectorate given by Deputy Finance Minister Haim Kaufman.

WHO SAYS tourism is on the rocks? On the contrary. The best evidence that business is thriving is the almost completed Malibu beach-style multi-million mansion of Hotelier Haim Schiff in the Tel Benjamin quarter of Ramat Gan. It's a pity that Schiff had to raise one of the finest examples of Bauhaus architecture in the country to put up his house.

IT'S NOT generally known that we have in our midst a celebrated Afrikaans poet, Olga Kirsh, who recently brought out her seventh collection in the language. She came on aliyah from a town in the Orange Free State in 1948, and lives in Rehovot. Married to the eminent Weizmann Institute scientist Prof. Joseph Gillis, Kirsh has also translated the poetry of Leah Goldberg into Afrikaans.

ADL NATIONAL chairman Kenneth Blalick has been on a whirlwind visit to introduce himself as successor to Julius Berman in the chair-

manship of the President's Conference. He was President Chaim Herzog's dinner guest at Beit Hanassi, and met politicians on both sides, led by Shamir and Peres. He also attended a luncheon given by Manufacturers Association President Eli Hurwitz, but the highlight of his social round was a large reception given by Jerome and Jane Stern at their home in Yemin Moshe. The reception was attended by the president of the Supreme Court, Justice Shamgar, Julius Berman, U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis, ADL Assistant National Director Abraham Foxman and ADL representative in Israel, Harry Wall.

The next day, Lewis sent his deputy head of mission, Counsellor Robert Flaten and his No. 3, Public Affairs Counsellor Maurice Lee to Haifa for a U.S. Independence Eve reception at City Hall given by the Israel-American Friendship Society in the presence of mayor Arye Gurel and the society's Haifa Branch Chairman Judge Micha Lindenstrauss. Society vice-president and board chairman Raya Jaglom, the World WIZO president, got a round of applause when she noted that she was not only celebrating American independence but her 44th wedding anniversary.

WEST GERMAN Ambassador Neils Hansen has handed out more crosses of the Federal Republic's orders of merit since he came here two and half years ago — 36 to be precise — than any of his predecessors, or any envoy of any other embassy ever assigned to Israel. The two latest recipients have been Bank Leumi Chairman and Chief Executive Ernest Japhet and Jewish Agency Treasurer Akiva Levinsky.

HANSEN WAS this week inducted as the new president of the Tel Aviv Rotary Club, the second time that a foreign diplomat has been chosen for such an honour. The first time was in the mid-50s, when the late French ambassador, Pierre Gilbert, who spoke Hebrew, as does Hansen, was president. The Ambassador's personal popularity notwithstanding, a number of members have resigned from the Tel Aviv club in a quiet protest at the appointment of a German to this position. They feel it's early for such a gesture.

CANADIAN Ambassador Vernon Turner and his wife Beryl added a nice heraldic touch to their reception for Canada's National Day on Sunday by displaying the brightly coloured flag of Canada's 10 provinces and two territories at the

entrance to their spacious garden. The guests included Tourism Minister Avraham Shafir, Health Minister Eliezer Shostak, Jewish Agency Chairman Arye Dulzín, United Mizrahi Bank chairman Aharon Meir. The arts were represented by Zipora Rubens and Aviva Marks, who is off to London to act in some Armchair Theatre television productions.

I HEAR THAT the French Jewish community is very annoyed with Nessim Gaon's protégé, Ambassador Ovadia Sofer for boycotting the 60th anniversary ceremony of French INF in Paris. Sofer simply did not turn up, leaving his seat empty without any formal excuse, but the community is sure that his display of bad manners was tied to the presence of two of his predecessors, former ambassador Walter Eytan and former ambassador Asher Ben-Natan.

AS USUAL, U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis and his wife, Sallie, gave the party of the season. The occasion was the Fourth of July, the Lewis's eighth here, and the ambassador more or less confirmed it would be his last.

Almost everyone in the Who's Who was there, from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir down. Labour's top trio, Shimon Peres, Yitzhak Navon and Yitzhak Rabin sent their regrets: all were out on the campaign trail. Navon was represented by his wife, Ofira, who was seen chatting with Egyptian charge d'affaires Mohammed Abdel Aziz Bassiouny. Another prominent figure was the chief of staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy, who towered over the crowd of military attaches around him.

The affair, at the envoy's Herzliya, Pituh residence, ended with a bang — of fireworks, of course. In his speech, Lewis was diplomatically bipartisan, toasting both Premier Shamir and the absent Peres, and sending best greetings to ex-premier Menachem Begin.

Nicest touch of all was the huge anniversary card, for the tenth anniversary of Anatoly and Avital Shcharansky, which embassy personnel passed around for guests to sign. The card will be delivered, somehow, to Shcharansky's Russian prison.

MINDING THE STORE? Almost all of the staff of the Israel Embassy in Washington is in the country now. Most of them have come to attend the wedding of Michal, the daughter of Ambassador Meir Rosenne and his wife Vera, to Shaul Zemach. Embassy No. 2 Binyamina (Bibi) Netanyahu on Wednesday also marked the eight *yahrtzeit* for his brother, Yonatan (Yossi) Netanyahu, killed in the July 4, 1976 Entebbe rescue.

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Halting the erosion of IDF morale

By HIRSH GOODMAN

CHIEF OF STAFF Moshe Levy cannot be accused of being a controversial figure. Unlike his predecessor, Rafael Eitan, he has steered clear of politics. And unlike others before him, he has maintained a discreet and pacific relationship with the minister of defence.

Unfortunately for Levy, however, the Israel Defence Forces continue to dominate the headlines, sometimes headlines of a highly negative nature.

Last week, it was Levy's decision not to accept a recommendation from the judge advocate-general to issue administrative reprimands to over a dozen officers implicated in the negligence that led to the bombing of the IDF's headquarters in Tyre last November. This was a few weeks after the publication of the Zorea report, which recommended that several senior security personnel be charged following the death of two terrorists after they had been captured alive by IDF troops who stormed a hijacked bus in Gaza.

AND SO IT GOES. As a result, the IDF has found itself in the position of constantly having to explain itself, to purge itself and to reconceive itself of its standard of conduct.

Levy is known and respected for being a man of integrity and honesty. Even those who have worked with him for years, often under tremendous pressure, are impressed by his evenness, his sense of fairness and his meticulous adherence to the law. Despite his open, relaxed manner, he does not bend easily, and his manner is described as authoritarian at general staff meetings.

Moshe Levy inherited the IDF some 16 months ago, at a time when the morale of the army was decimated by the Kahane Report on the massacres at Sabra and Shatila. Indeed, the morale of the IDF — due both to the war in Lebanon and the

public criticism of the war — had seldom been lower.

He took command of the IDF when budgets had been slashed and when good, young officers were leaving for private industry, where they were offered salaries double or more than those in the army. Add to that the disenchantment of officers with both the army they were serving in and the argumentative and confused public in whose name they were serving. Levy's tenure has not been an easy one.

THE MAIN TASK facing him today is to try to keep things together, and in order to do so he has to restore the army's faith in itself. Israel's security depends on the qualitative gap between itself and its enemy. And maintaining that advantage — to compensate for the distortion in the overall balance of power — depends absolutely on the quality of manpower the defence establishment can attract.

Perhaps more important than money in this respect is the need to rebuild the image of the IDF; to make it once again the type of organization with which people want to be associated. He has to do this against the backdrop of the public's criticism of the army's role in Lebanon — criticism that has led, whether we like it or not — to many professional soldiers at the front questioning their role and their presence in that country.

Professional soldiers disgraced by inquiries although they believed they were doing their jobs well are asking themselves the same questions, as are their colleagues, who are now being asked to step into their shoes.

Senior officers have become inhibited about taking or making decisions, and Levy realizes this. If everything they do is ultimately subject to precise legal review, they will not

be able to act with spontaneity and freedom of decision that some situations demand.

Military decisions are not always tested against legal ones, and the legal mind cannot always understand the motives of those who are licensed, by virtue of the rank they hold, to take the actions they take.

The demand for detail, for covering documents, sworn testimony about events that are often a blur of activity and emotion, often months after the event, have made hesitant those who must make on-the-spot decisions unless they have covered themselves first.

In recent years, these officers have begun to feel that, when judged, they will not be judged by military criteria or by the norms that have dictated the behaviour of those in uniform until now; rather, they will be judged by the statute books of a system that is detached from the world they live in.

"COVER YOURSELF" has, some say, replaced the cry of "after me" as the hallmark of the Israeli officer — and Levy has to do something to stop this. His decision on the Reshef Commission into the Tyre suicide bombing disaster could be the first step in this direction.

What happened was that former O.C. Armoured Corps Amnon Reshef was asked to conduct an inquiry into the circumstances that allowed the suicide vehicle to penetrate the defences of the IDF's Tyre

headquarters. Reshef's first report was returned to him on the grounds that it was not thorough enough; his second was subsequently handed over to military legal authorities to determine whether any of those named were liable for legal action.

Two military policemen on the scene were charged, while more than a dozen other officers, many of them senior, were cited for an administrative reprimand from the chief of staff.

Instead of automatically accepting the judge advocate-general's recommendations, Levy sent them back with a letter which explained in detail why he himself intends to discipline those responsible rather than be bound by the recommendation for an administrative rebuke.

LEVY HAS NOT gone on the record with an explanation for this action, though he has been severely criticized by many. But those close to him explain that he wanted to use this example to return the execution of military discipline to the soldiers and remove it from the lawyers.

A soldier subject to an administrative rebuke has recourse to legal action, the rebuke itself being a legal act. An officer who is called up by the chief-of-staff to explain his actions has recourse to neither legal action nor the ability to cover himself because of good paperwork.

When religious laws become divorced from human pain and misery, they cease to be an expression of the will of God who cares.

MOSES WAS constantly exhorting the Israelites to improve their behaviour; he was overwhelmed by their rebellious moods and ungratefulness. In order for him to discover anew the greatness of his people, he had to hear it from the outside. In addition to his own book, he had to write the Book of Balaam.

Balaam, the king of mighty Moab, was the first to realize — even before the Israelites recognized it themselves — that "a people has emerged out of Egypt," and Moab "was sore afraid." Balaam too was forced to sing the praises of Israel, as no other person; certainly not the prophets of Israel, ever did. He represents a proper counterbalance to the perspective of Moses, who was always reminding the Israelites of their faults.

Balaam claimed that Balaam was very powerful in both blessings and curses (22:6). Why, then, did he not request the blessing of Balaam for his own people, rather than a curse on Israel? But, then as always, the enemies of Israel preferred its destruction, even at the expense of the destruction of their own peoples, to concentrating on constructive matters which would benefit both themselves and their neighbours.

Balaam came to curse and was forced eventually to turn his curses into blessings. It is worth noting that, to this day, Jewish daily prayer (as well as Israel Radio's daily broadcast) opens with the words of Balaam, the non-Jew: "How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, thy dwellings, O Israel."

The basic and unique situation of Israel among the nations has not changed, however. In the phrase coined by Balaam (23:9), it is described as "a people which dwells alone."

"Balaam" is the Bible portion read in the synagogue on Saturday, July 7 (Numbers 22:2-25:9). The commentator is professor of Jewish Thought and Literature, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

The Seven Books of Moses

TORA TODAY / Pinchas Peli

outsider, a non-Jew. Thus, they help provide insight into the teachings of the Tora of Moses, which is the main body of Jewish law and belief. We may assume that some new perspec-

tives of the laws of Moses are gained by the suggestion that none other than Moses penned the stories of Balaam and Job.

Job is the most tragic figure in biblical literature. He knew grief, bereavement, pain and disillusionment more than any other person in the Bible. The account of the vicissitudes, the inner struggles of such a person must therefore be the creation of the same man who set out to write down a Tora of eternal laws for human behaviour.

Can one grasp the full meaning of the Law if one is cut off from human pain, aloof from human doubt and utter despair? In order that the laws of Moses should not become void of compassion for human beings, with all their painful shortcomings, Moses must be the man who is responsible for both his own book and the book of Job.

Rabbi Yitzhak Luria (1540-1572), known as the Ari Hakadosh ("Holy Lion"), and the greatest of Jewish mystics, spent his youth in Cairo. Every morning, at dawn, so the story goes, the Ari would stroll quietly among the reeds along the banks of the Nile.

"In order to delve into the real meaning of the laws of the Tora," he used to say, "I am trying to listen to the crying of the baby Moses who was thrown here among these reeds as a forlorn, helpless human being escaping persecution. Only one who can hear the cry of Moses the baby," concluded the Ari, "can properly grasp the words of Moses the lawyer."

AN OFT-QUOTED Talmudic tradition with regard to the canonization of the Bible (Baba Bathra 14b) includes the remarkable statement: "Moses set down in writing his own book, the Book of Balaam and the Book of Job." The fact that those two "books" were singled out from among all the books of the Bible to be attributed to Moses in addition to his own five books, the Tora, has puzzled many a commentator, ancient and modern alike.

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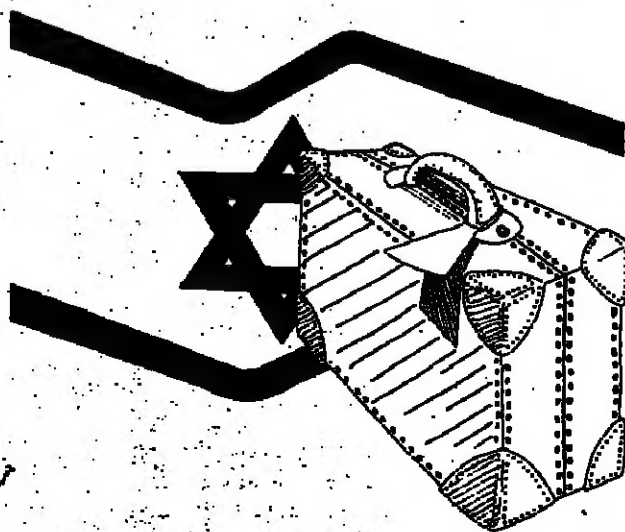
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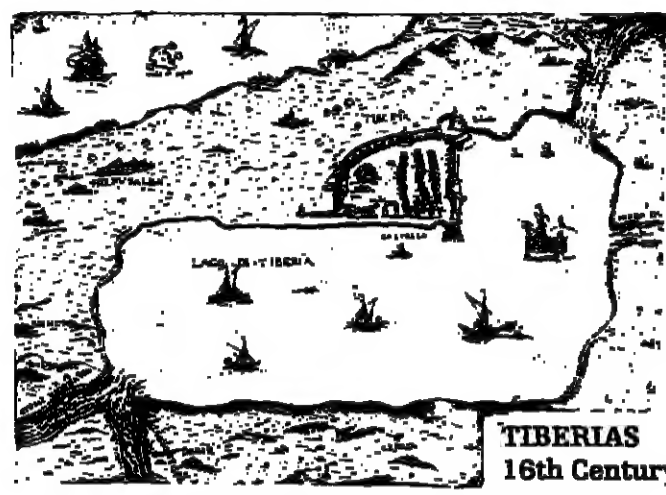
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A QUESTION OF QUALITY

By YOSEF GOELL

WHEN ALL is said and done, when one gets behind all the interminable talk and election-time hoopla, the ideologies and the issues, politics is really about entrusting power in the hands of people: real live men and women.

There is an understandable squeamishness in trying to assess the personal qualities of our political leaders. After all, who are we to pass judgement on them? The answer, of course, is that in a democracy only we, the people, must periodically pass judgement on "them" and on their stewardship of public affairs.

It is often such an unpleasant and unsettling task, however, that we tend to retreat to the safety of arguing about ideologies and issues rather than personalities.

Let me, therefore, advance the argument that, as important as ideologies and policy positions may be, the quality of the people in whose hands we entrust our fate as a nation is of much greater importance. I intend dealing with real names and real situations, but first let me get some historic comparisons out of the way.

There is a normal, human tendency to idealize the distant past. Let me, therefore, go on record as one who was already around towards the tail-end of the "good old days" of the "golden age" of the historic Mapai leadership: quite a number of the Mapainiks who made it to the top then were political pygmies.

It was, however, a heroic age and the few political giants at the top cast their aura over a larger number of underserving political hacks. But that is water under the bridge and primarily of nostalgic and academic historic interest. What should interest us today is the immediate past, today and, primarily, tomorrow.

WHEN ONE considers the past seven years of Likud government in terms of the personalities who populated its cabinets, I believe it is a fair assessment to conclude that never before has Israel been governed by people of such abysmally low calibre.

The men of stature in the first Begin government, besides Menachem Begin himself, were Moshe Dayan, Shmuel Tamir, Yigael Yadin, Ezer Weizman and Ariel Sharon. What characterized them all, with the exception of Sharon (who is Israel's quintessential renegade opportunist politician who has run the gamut from Mapai to the Liberals through Yossi Sarid, the Independent Liberals and Herut), is that none were from the Likud, and the exception of Weizman, and he was gotten rid of at the first opportunity.

If one can entertain the enormity of the thought the second Begin government (and the Shamir government, which is a carbon copy) was even worse than the first one, because all the above, with the exception of Sharon, were ditched.

LET ME START at the bottom. Labour and its political antecedents always relegated the ministries of health, communications and other such to its very lesser lights or to its hapless, politically impotent coalition partners.

The ministers of health in Labour's governments were never anything to write home about. But Labour's approach was that the na-

tion's health should be taken care of by the Histadrut's Kupat Holim, and that body was always entrusted to much more serious hands.

The shambles that is our health system today is not so much the result of Herut philosophy on public-versus-private medicine as it is the outcome of the mind-boggling decision to entrust the ministry of Health to the hands of someone like Shosh-tak.

Communications, which was the fancy name invented by Shimon Peres for the Ministry of Posts when he was a junior minister, was also a berth reserved for political nonentities or has-beens under Labour. Very few, if any, of its ministers succeeded in the task of advancing Israel's postal and telephone systems into the 20th century.

It took a Mordechai Zipori, however, to run the system into the ground.

Since we're not speaking here of historic memories, does anyone seriously doubt that the postal and phone service of the past few years, despite the purchase of modern equipment in both areas, is far worse than it was before.

Let us take another middle-level example: agriculture. This is an area in which classic Zionist pioneers and the State of Israel in its first three decades wrought a veritable miracle, with Israel advancing to the very forefront of the most developed

farm economies in the world.

It is not just a matter of Alignment election propaganda. Israel's farming sector has been turned into a basket case, starting with minister of agriculture Sharon, who couldn't care less about anything that did not concern his drive to settle the West Bank (and even there he totally neglected the settlements on the Golan Heights and those in the Jordan Rift Valley).

The neglect became even deeper under the stewardship of the Liberal's Simcha Erlich, who was kicked down to agriculture after his catastrophic failure as minister of finance.

Pessah Grupper, the present minister, has the advantage of being one of the first real dirt farmers to serve as head of that ministry. But he is also a red neck grubber - which is more biting in the Yiddish "a grubber yung - a lout." Let anyone bridle at the use of such terms in regard to an Israeli cabinet minister, let me reassure him that Pessy Grupper absolutely revels in the characterization.

Grupper has the distinction of putting the final touches to the demise of the agricultural planning system which alone made possible the functioning of the ultra-sophisticated farm sector that had been developed over the years, largely on the basis of an immigrant population from the Moslem countries.

WHICH BRINGS US to the top of the Likud cabinets, the men who were in charge of its two monumental fiascos: Lebanon and the economy.

What went wrong in Lebanon was not primarily a question of ideological differences between the Likud and Labour. The decision to launch a massive, land-based strike into Southern Lebanon to deal a mortal blow to the PLO menace that was building up there under the protection of the American-engineered cease-fire of 1981 was at first supported by a broad national consensus which included the leadership of the Labour opposition.

It should also be remembered that the Begin government had several times voted down proposals by Sharon to launch his grand design that was to bring the IDF to Beirut and into confrontation with the Syrians.

What went wrong was a combination of bad judgment, megalomania and total spinelessness: the first Begin's, the second Sharon's, and the third the rest of the cabinet of sheep.

We are now all wise men who "know" that the alliance with the Jemayel family and its Phalange forces could never have worked. The working arrangements with the Jemayels began under Labour prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and minister of defence Shimon Peres. But as opposed to Begin and Sharon, they knew where to draw the line.

Support for the Phalange forces against the PLO, yes: active Israeli military involvement deep in Lebanon against the Syrians, no.

The difference was not so much between ideologies as between balanced personalities, capable of making correct judgments, and of correcting mistakes, and between irrational personalities incapable of reading realities.

The comparison in the field of the economy is even more instructive. Israel's adventure into double-digit inflation (yes, Israel had double digit inflation before it advanced into the triple-digits) was begun by Labour finance minister Yehoshua Rabinovitch to pay for the ruinously expensive Yom Kippur War. But by 1975-76, a countervailing policy to bring annual inflation down from the upper 30 per cent was already working.

In contrast, Simcha Erlich, the vest-pocket businessman and city hall operator who was slated to become the Likud's finance minister, promised to bring inflation down to two per cent. Instead, he succeeded in breaking the 100 per cent barrier by the end of his term in office after three years.

Yoram Aridor, who by his legal and economic training should have made a good finance minister, was defeated by his personality defects which locked him into a course of pursuing irresponsible election economics well after the elections were over. Cohen-Orgad, the trained economist who succeeded him last fall never had the political clout to en-

sure his party's backing for a difficult deflationary policy.

There is good reason to believe, on the basis of the atmosphere in the Herut Central Committee, that should the Likud win the election, Yoram Aridor stands a much better chance of getting the Treasury back than does Cohen-Orgad, who has been unable to bring himself to accede wholeheartedly to his Herut colleague's demands for a full-fledged pursuit of a vote-buying economic about-face.

DOES ALL this mean that there are no capable, talented people of quality in Israel's right, and that by default if we want even halfway effective government we have no choice but to vote Labour?

Not at all, although it would seem to be true of the people running on the two competing lists in these elections.

There are people of quality on the right. But over 29 years in it's opposition they have all either given up politics or been driven out by a Menachem Begin who brooked no personal competitors in Herut.

It is also sad to report that during the seven years that the Likud has been in power it has been unable to attract even a few of these people back into government service.

Either they were loath to give up the cushy jobs they had built up in their private careers for the pitance that government service pays, or they were unwilling to submit themselves to the frustration and indignity of working with, and often under, such people who took over the movement that Jabotinsky founded 50 years earlier.

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WHOEVER slotted the party political broadcasts immediately after *Mabai* - presumably because this is the traditional place for political commentary programmes - unwittingly did the Likud a disservice.

Mabai nowadays is beginning to resemble a guided tour through Madame Tussaud's Chamber of Horrors as strike succeeds strike and inflation sets world records. This harrowing half-hour, if striking staffers permit it to be screened in the first place, is then followed by one of those jolly Likud broadcasts with their party chiefs and Sefi Rivlin busily stirring up complacency and mistaking that everything is coming up roses.

Sir Thomas Browne may have had Yitzhak Shamir's administration in mind when he said that man is "splendid in ashes and pompous in the grave." They need the roses as they display the putrefying remains of a once vigorous economy and no

amount of Nature-Glo, "the ultimate in cosmetic embalming," or artful sutures in the corners of the cadaver's mouth to produce a beautiful smile will restore it to life.

The whole pitiful performance resembles nothing so much as the Monty Python sketch in which Michael Palin, a pet-shop owner, tried to convince John Cleese that the parrot he'd sold him was not dead but merely resting.

"It's passed on," shrieks Cleese, maddened by Palin's hopeless excuses. "This parrot is no more! It has ceased to be! It's expired and gone to meet its maker! This is a late parrot! It's a stiff! Bereft of life it rests in peace - if you hadn't nailed it to the perch it would be pushing up daisies! It's rung down the curtain and joined the choir invisible! THIS IS AN EX-PARROT!"

THE APPEARANCE of the minister of defence did nothing to dissi-

Invisible man

PARTY LINES / Alex Berlyne

pate the gloom. Professor Aren's face reveals nothing of his feelings and resembles a well-kept grave, except when a wintry smile almost imperceptibly flits over his features like weak sunlight on a silver coffin handle. He urged the Alignment leadership to "tell the truth" about its intentions - which is a bit much to expect of a bunch of politicians, especially during an election campaign. I was relieved when his time ran out before he could develop the theme into "We have ways of making you talk."

It was reassuring, after Dr. Strangelove's performance, to see

Dr. Burg appearing for the NRP. As enduring a symbol of permanence as you could hope to find in a month of *Shabbat*, Dr. Burg delivered a series of unexceptionable bromides about judgement and responsibility, sitting as four-square and as monolithic as - you should excuse the expression - a stone Buddha. Yet without him saying a word about his intentions, he somehow made it clear that he is set for yet another term in the Knesset.

All politicians, come to think of it, specialize in non-verbal communication of the sort that First Left of *Body Language* They stand, or run, for office, occasionally going out on a limb when they haven't a leg to stand on and, once elected - especially in Dr. Burg's case - they sit and sit and sit...

MIND YOU, apart from a few elder statesmen like Dr. Burg, the airwaves nowadays are populated almost exclusively by Sephardim. Where have all the *Shiknazim* gone?

Long time passing... The Likud, as always, depends heavily on the Sephardi vote despite its mainly Ashkenazi leadership, and the Alignment seems to be devoting most of its allotted time to the views of renegade Sephardim. I imagine that they have teams of private eyes scouring the country for any disaffected Moroccan or Iraqi Jew who can be persuaded to criticize the Likud on camera. No one seems to be interested in the opinions of Ashkenazim, and as far as the screen is concerned it would seem that they've all been signed up by Central Casting to play Claude Rains' role in *The Invisible Man*.

Most North Africans will still, I imagine, vote the straight Likud ticket simply because they don't trust the Alignment not to sell them

down the river when it comes to an accommodation with our noisy neighbours and, so far, they've not had much in the way of reassurance from Peres and Co. Moreover, after seven years of Likud rule, they, like most voters and Bellos's children, always stick to nurse! For fear of finding something worse.

The Likud's star turn this week was a sort of supercharged Munchkin from Kiryat Shmona rather than Oz. This miniature *Klefs*, reportedly 12 years old, described her life in the shelter during the years of katyusha attacks and terrorist incursions and scored some telling points, so much so that, later in the week, the Alignment wheeled out Yitzhak Rabin to explain their programme for a disengagement in Lebanon that would guarantee the safety of the Galilee. Content apart, I resented being buttonholed by this pre-shrunk Ancient Mariner, whose nose, wrinkled, finger-wagging and general archness resembled Violet Elizabeth Bott at her most tiresome.

THE MINISTER of finance was as indomitably optimistic and as infuriating as Pollyanna playing the Glad Game. "I do not agree that inflation is the No. 1 problem," he declared, outlining his new legislation to protect savings schemes - loosely based, I imagine, on the New Testament's guarantee of eternal life and presumably as hard to deliver. His eyebrows smothering wildly and displaying the nose-twitch he seems to have borrowed from Arik Sharon, Cohen-Orgad challenged the Alignment to vote for the bill.

The revelation of the minister's \$310,000 bonanza from a Jerusalem building investment contrasted starkly with the endless parade of people complaining that they can't finish the month on their inadequate salaries. It's the old, old story and the Alignment could borrow a jingle from Oliver Goldsmith to rub it in: *It fares the land to hastening ills a prey*.

Where wealth accumulates and men decay.

YITZHAK COHEN-ORGAD and Yoram Aridor, his predecessor at the ministry, appeared in Alignment

clips, as did Yitzhak Rabin in Likud footage, saying things they presumably say they'd never said. Dr. Mahatir bin Mohammed, the deputy prime minister of Malaysia, dealt admirably with this sort of setback when, in 1979, he was widely quoted as saying that if Vietnam's boat people tried to land in his country his armed forces would be "shooting them on sight." Setting the record straight, he claimed that he'd been misquoted. The armed forces would only be "shooting them on sight."

All his life, Jonathan Swift expressed his detestation of political factions. "Party," he declared, "is the madness of the many for the gain of the few." During the current campaign, the few - it seems to me - include the public relations firms handling the drive that is screened every evening (strikes permitting) at nine-thirty.

The only appropriate comment was inadvertently provided by Kupat Holim on Sunday when the party political broadcasts were preceded by their commercial about infestation by head lice and nits. The parasites on the body politic came a cropper when Sefi Rivlin revealed that the poor woman in the Alignment clip who had touched our hearts by claiming that her salary didn't stretch to cover the month runs two cars and employs a servant. The media people handling the Alignment account really ought to know better. In boxing terms this is known as leading with the chin and inevitably invites a K.O.

I'm surprised they didn't show Samuel Flatto-Sharon pleading poverty. We were treated to glimpses of the home life of our own dear Shmuel as part of his campaign to get him into the Knesset and to keep him out of jail. I gave him full marks for getting in and out of a Mercedes and for handling two telephones at once but the real *piece de resistance* was his chateau Flatto itself. This seems to have been furnished by using Gillo Dorfles' classic work, *Kitsch*, as a mail-order catalogue, and I only wish that I could run the clip on a video in slow motion, the better to enjoy the riot of *tsatskes*, patterns,

textures and colours that are necessary to his well-being. In a way, this decor is a metaphor for all the broadcasts - glibly *Kitsch* striving for effect without content.

"They want to extradite a Jew to France," the Flatto-Sharon publicity said. "Do you?"

Well, er, yes, actually - and he can take that oversized Venetian black-amoor that dominates his front parlour with him.

IN STARTLING contrast to Flatto-Sharon's lifestyle, if you'll forgive the expression, Victor Tayar's list is clearly travelling tourist class. Delightfully old-fashioned, Tayar's programme is the nearest thing we have to Tammany or the old Chicago Democratic Party machine. You do "little favours" for people and on election day they deliver their vote. Len O'Connor, the veteran Chicago journalist, has described how a phone call from an old woman about a dead rat in her alley would bring Alderman Chubley Weber, the ward boss, round in his Cadillac to deal with it himself. It's simple and, up to a point, it works, which is more than you can say for most of the other parties' programmes - and what is more, if elected, Victor Tayar will probably be able to afford a new set of teeth.

The fringe parties, a category which depends on the floating voter, also includes Ezra Zohar's list. This distinguished physician promises, *inter alia*, to abolish income tax and to reduce the number of MKs to 10 - both undoubtedly attractive propositions. So why do I have the uneasy feeling that he might also abolish Tuesdays and declare the earth to be flat?

"I AM strongly in favour of common sense, common honesty and common decency," H.L. Mencken once declared. "This makes me forever ineligible for any public office." With the exception of Gad Ya'acobi, Yosef Burg, Amnon Rubinstein and Yitzhak Rabin, common sense has been at a premium in the campaign so far. The half-hour devoted to the broadcasts each evening seems to me to be an insult to the meanness intelligence.

be increased to \$1,000 in 1985.

The judges will be Judge Haim Cohn, Dr. Walter Eytan, Geoffrey Wigoder, Yosef (Tommy) Labid, and a fifth to replace Prof. Yigael Yadin, who had agreed to serve as a judge before his death.

Submissions for the consideration of the judges, should be sent to the New Israel Fund, P.O.B. 4156, Jerusalem 91041.

Remembering Ted Lurie

By JESSE ZEL LURIE

radio for two months. She didn't need a calculator to count the number of stories on American Jewry in two months - her 10 fingers were sufficient.

And what did these few stories deal with? Chiefly with the activities of *yordim* (emigrants from Israel), mostly criminal, and some slight manifestations of anti-Semitism. The complexities of American Jewry, its religious pluralism, exciting new developments in the growing Jewish educational system - were of no interest to the Israeli reporters in Washington, New York and Los Angeles and their editors in Tel Aviv.

THE NEW ISRAEL Fund, which operates chiefly in the areas of civil rights, Jewish-Arab relationships, women's issues and innovative communal projects, believes that Israel has much to learn from American Jewry. Therefore, the New Israel Fund with the cooperation of Ted Lurie's brothers in the U.S. has decided to try to improve the coverage of American Jewry by offering a prize. The New Israel Fund is dedicated "to closing the gap in perception and attitudes between Israeli and American Jews." Ted Lurie was a pioneer of Israeli journalism, who was born and educated in the U.S.

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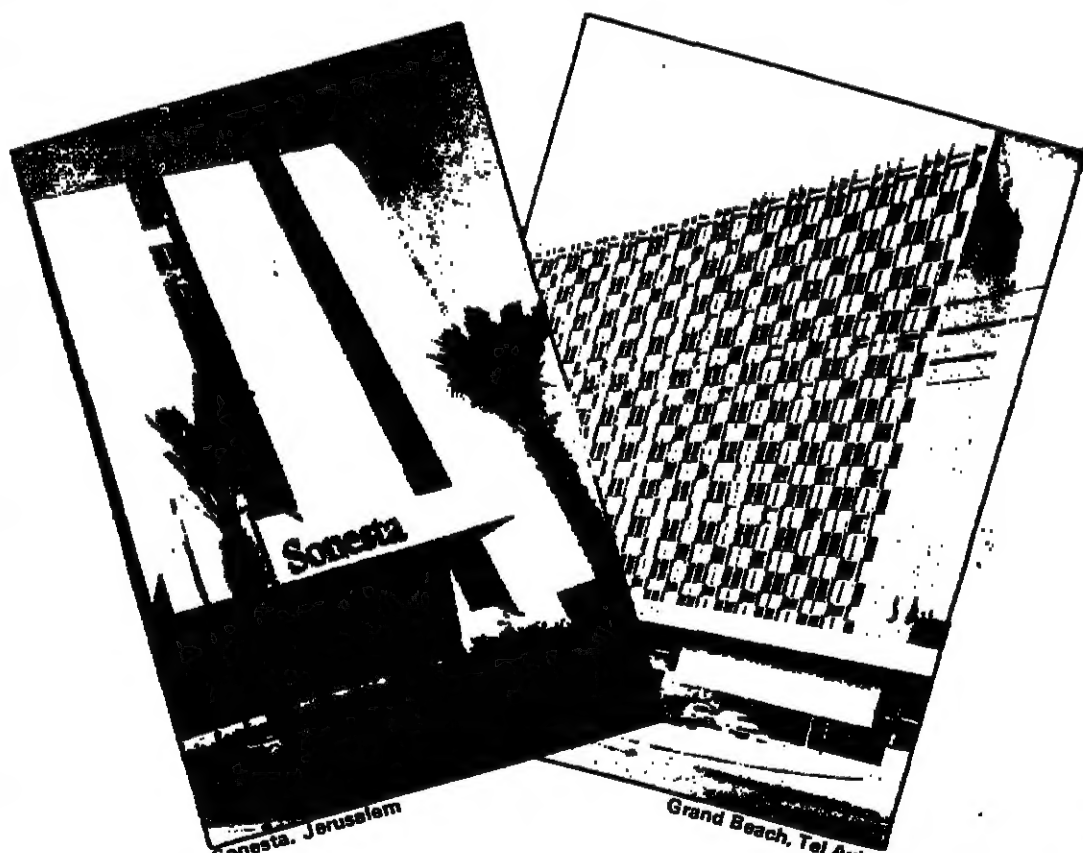
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U.S. OFFICIALS have been carefully monitoring the Israeli election campaign and have been impressed by the continuing lead which Labour demonstrates in the public opinion polls. There is today a real sense in Washington that Shimon Peres is likely to become Israel's next prime minister.

Thus, there was an almost palpable sense in the U.S. capital that Secretary of State George Shultz's recent meeting at the State Department with Labour MK Yitzhak Rabin may just wind up to have been a curtain-raiser for the real thing in the months ahead.

Shultz met with Rabin just 24 hours before sitting down with Defence Minister Moshe Arens. Both Rabin and Arens had come to Washington to participate in the second Jonathan Institute Conference on terrorism.

Refusing to play favourites, Shultz received both men separately on an almost equal basis. In order that there be no misunderstandings on

Long-distance election watch

By WOLF BLITZER

either side, Ambassador Meir Rosenne, a veteran career diplomat in the Foreign Ministry, participated in both sessions — as did two U.S. career foreign service officers, Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs Michael Armacost and Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Richard Murphy.

According to U.S. officials, Shultz was very anxious to meet with both Rabin and Arens. As is well-known, he has developed a very good personal relationship with Arens since

his days as Israel's ambassador in Washington.

But what is lesser known is the fact that Shultz also has a long-standing relationship with Rabin. Indeed, Shultz referred publicly to this during his own appearance before the Jonathan Institute's conference.

SHULTZ AND RABIN were on the same, opening-night panel. In praising Rabin's remarks earlier in the evening, the secretary warmly said he preferred to still call Rabin "Mr.

Ambassador" — a reference to the fact that they had developed a strong relationship in the late 1960s and early 1970s, when Rabin was Israel's ambassador in Washington and Shultz was treasury secretary during the Nixon administration.

This also helps to explain why Rabin was one of the earliest defensive secretary of Shultz in Israel after the secretary was tapped to succeed Alexander Haig in June 1982.

At a time when Shultz's appointment was causing some extreme anxiety in Jerusalem because of his Bechtel background, Rabin spoke out strongly in support of Shultz. He recalled how Shultz had been moved to visit Israel after the Six Day War because one of his former Israeli students, of whom he was quite fond, had been killed in battle on the Golan Heights.

Shultz has worked closely and warmly with Arens in recent years. But if Rabin should win on July 23, there is every reason to believe that the secretary will continue that pro-

ductive dialogue with Rabin.

With the Labour party clearly in the lead at this stage of campaigning, U.S. officials are understandably very much involved in an effort to explore Labour Party positions. This was very evident during the Shultz-Rabin meeting as the secretary focused on some very crucial and sensitive subjects, including the state of the Israeli economy.

What would a Labour victory actually mean, Shultz and his senior aides wanted to know. Will there be dramatic changes on the West Bank? What about Israel's continued presence in Southern Lebanon?

THESE QUESTIONS are very much on the minds of senior U.S. analysts. But they recognize that trying to predict the course of a future Labour-led government is by no means simple, irrespective of what Peres, Rabin and other Labour leaders may say during the campaign.

There are many variables, including, most importantly, the actual strength of the new government. If Labour should manage to barely squeak through on July 23 and thus require the smaller religious parties as an essential element in forming its coalition, there will be less room for maneuverability than if Labour scores a more decisive victory.

The Americans, of course, would like to see Labour form a strong coalition which will be in a good position to make decisive decisions in a revived peace process without overly worrying about a more rigid opposition.

But they are certainly by no means

convinced that this best-case scenario is likely to occur.

Veteran U.S. officials still recall with some bitterness the relatively weak Labour-led governments during the period leading to the Likud's dramatic 1977 victory.

According to sources here, Labour leaders would love to see the Liberals bolt from the Likud and then join Labour in forming a new government. A Labour-Liberal alliance, if maintained, would effectively deal a death blow to the Likud.

U.S. OFFICIALS — as well as many leaders in the Jewish community who have followed the ins and outs of the Israeli election this year — would welcome such a new alliance for another reason: it would dramatically weaken the hold of the smaller religious parties on Israeli policy in a whole host of areas.

Reagan administration officials have been extremely cautious in projecting any public comments about the contest in Israel. The last thing they want is to be accused of improperly interfering in domestic Israeli politics.

But it is no secret that despite the personal ties between many administration officials with Arens and the clearly strong state of U.S.-Israeli relations right now, Washington would very much like to see Labour back on top, especially if the peace process is to get back off the ground following the U.S. presidential elections in November.

Right now, all of the major U.S. public opinion polls agree that President Ronald Reagan is likely to win re-election.

In the administration, there are still many senior policy-makers who recall that Labour welcomed Reagan's Arab-Israeli peace plan — as opposed to the government of then-prime minister Menachem Begin, which rejected it totally.

Peres, in fact, had been welcomed at the White House only a fortnight before Reagan went on national television with his dramatic scheme, which has since failed to make any progress in promoting peace.

Administration officials are no longer pushing the concept publicly, although they make clear their view privately that the positions enunciated in the plan remain very valid today and that they are still the official positions of the U.S. administration.

THERE ARE STILL some sceptics in Washington who are not taking a Labour victory for granted. At the State Department, the White House and elsewhere in the U.S. governmental bureaucracy, they recall that most of the Israeli pollsters were wrong in predicting the 1977 and 1981 elections.

According to U.S. officials, the Israeli public — like that in the United States — is still very fluid. People in both countries are capable of changing their minds on important issues virtually overnight. They are easily influenced by all sorts of external events.

That, of course, suggests that polls in both the U.S. and Israel, while accurate at the time they are taken, have a shelf life of only a few days.

The writer is The Jerusalem Post's Washington Correspondent.

Excerpts from an address delivered last week by Defence Minister Arens at the Jonathan Institute in Washington.

LT. COL. YONATAN Netanyahu (Yoni) fell while leading the Israeli rescue operation at Entebbe. To all Israelis, but especially to the officers and men of the IDF, he remains alive as an example of leadership, tenacity and courage. The collection of his letters is widely read by Israeli youth, and the story of Entebbe is told and retold.

We in Israel are proud that Yoni's qualities of dedication and readiness for sacrifice are so prevalent amongst Israel's young people.

To the world, Yoni has become a symbol of resistance to terror, an object lesson that terror can be defeated. But terrorism cannot be defeated through defensive measures alone. We cannot wait for terrorists to attack us and hope to eliminate this scourge of our times with preventive measures, good preparation, good intelligence, and defensive actions alone. We must recognize that we are in a state of war. An undeclared war, yet a real, brutal, unceasing war against western society. To force ourselves into a defensive posture, to exclude the option of taking the offensive, is as suicidal in the case of terrorism as it would be in any other form of warfare.

The whole world was impressed by the words spoken at the opening of this conference by Secretary Shultz. His reference to active measures against terrorism such as preventive strikes and preventive action of other kinds, encourages us all. It is good to know that the greatest and most powerful democracy has recognized that these measures are essential.

Israel has lived with terrorism since before it was a state. Terrorism has been a means by which our

Taking the offensive against world terror

By MOSHE ARENS



Yonatan Netanyahu

enemies, supported by Nazis in the Thirties and the Soviets since the Sixties, have hoped to eliminate us. The PLO, the umbrella organization of virtually all terrorist groups devoted to the destruction of Israel, was established in 1964, three years before the 1967 war, before Israeli control over Judea and Samaria became an issue. For the goal of the PLO was then, and is now, not the retrieval of the so-called occupied territories, but the destruction of Israel, whatever its borders. With the support of the Arab states and the Soviet Union, the PLO grew to awesome proportions. By June 1982 there were about 15,500 armed PLO terrorists in Lebanon.

They amassed vast quantities of weapons, including 130mm guns and Soviet B-21 rocket launchers, as well as T-34 and T-54 tanks. This heavy weaponry provided them with the capability of shelling Israeli towns and settlements in the Galilee with relative impunity. About 6,000 tons of ammunition and about 50,000 pieces of light weaponry were discovered in PLO arsenals in Lebanon by the IDF. The PLO "state" had its own airport at Beirut and its own harbours at Tyre and Sidon.

In 1981-82 alone the PLO trained close to a thousand foreign terrorists. A number of conferences of international terrorists were held in Beirut. At the last such reported meeting, in November of 1981, the Japanese Red Army, Polisario, and the Red Brigades were among the participants.

The intolerable threat to the safety of every man, woman and child living in the Galilee was removed by the Peace for Galilee operation.

This was the objective of the operation and its greatest achievement. Peace and tranquility have returned to the northern part of Israel.

BUT BY STRIKING a lethal blow to the PLO powerbase, the operation also benefited all who are or are likely to be the targets of international terrorism. To paraphrase Paul Johnson's words two nights ago, that means you and you and you.

It is clear to me that had the nations of the free world, instead of criticizing us, fully supported our actions in Lebanon the PLO would have been completely eliminated as a threat to Israel and to the world.

A number of Middle Eastern states have adopted terrorism as a political tool. There are five such states: Iraq, Libya, Syria, South Yemen, and Iran, and they share several characteristics:

- They are all totalitarian regimes.
- All of them, with the exception of Iran, have close ties with the Soviet Union and receive most of their arms from it.
- All of them are anti-western in their outlook.
- Syria, South Yemen and Libya are part of the Arab rejectionist front.

The outstanding example of Iraqi assistance to terrorism is the attempt on the life of Israeli Ambassador Shlomo Argov in London, in June 1982, by members of the Abu Nidal faction. The assistance took the form of documentation, arms and apparently also planning. According to our information, it was the Iraqi intelligence service that provided this assistance.

These same organizations have carried out attacks on Iraq's behalf against Syrian, Iranian and Israeli targets.

According to our information training camps existed in Iraq in 1979 for extremist leftist groups from Europe.

LIBYA, UNDER the leadership of Gaddafi, has broken all records in the methodical and intensive use of terror and subversion.

Since Gaddafi's rise to power in 1969, Libya has provided support to most of the terrorist movements throughout the world.

Libya has served and continues to serve as a place of refuge for the perpetrators of acts of terror throughout the world. Murderers and hijackers of airplanes are received in Libya as heroes.

There are more than 20 training camps in Libya for terrorists of va-

rious nationalities (factions of the PLO; opponents of the regime in Sudan; members of various African organizations, such as SWAPO and the Polisario; members of the IRA from Ireland, and members of the Italian Red Brigades).

Libyan diplomatic missions offer an efficient and safe way of transferring arms and providing documentation and diplomatic cover for terrorists.

Syrian terrorism is directed against the U.S., Western Europe, Arab countries not aligned with Syria and Syrian groups opposed to the present Syrian governments.

The principal instruments for carrying out this terror are: Palestinian terrorist organizations acting under Syrian auspices; Syrian intelligence, which has representatives in Syrian embassies throughout the world; extremist Shi'ite organizations and international "liberation" and terrorist organizations, such as the "Armenian Liberation Organization," the Japanese Red Army, the Patani Liberation Organization in Thailand. Their representatives sit permanently in Damascus.

Some of the better-known activities of Syrian-backed terrorism include:

- The blowing up of the American Embassy in Beirut in April 1983, and the headquarters of the marines and the French force in Beirut in October 1983 by extremist Shi'ites.

• At the beginning of 1983, the Syrians got the Abu Nidal faction to carry out a series of attacks on Jordanian government targets in Amman, in order to "signal" to King Hussein that he should not make any independent political moves.

• In February 1982 more than 20,000 civilians were killed in the city of Hama.

According to the ideology of the Khomeini regime, terrorism is a legitimate tool for exporting the "Islamic revolution" and for achieving the liberation of Shi'ite communities in particular, and of Muslims in general.

The main targets of Khomeini terrorism are American interests, states defined as reactionary and "imperialist agents", the principalities of the Persian Gulf, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and even countries such as the Philippines and Sri Lanka, and in general all those opposed to the Khomeini regime.

Khomeini's terrorism has two unique features: it is carried out as a "self sacrifice," following a process of brainwashing by religious leaders. In other words, many of the terrorist acts entail suicide. And it bases itself on Shi'ite communities in the Middle East and other parts of the world.

The Republic of South Yemen provides facilities to terrorists from around the world and actively cooperates with Libya.

Clearly, a passive, defensive approach will not succeed in countering this multi-tentacled monster that threatens not only Israel, nor just the Middle East, but the whole free world. Vigilance, preparedness, intelligence and technology sharing, and combined efforts are obviously essential. But they are not enough. Aggressive unequivocal steps have to be taken by all the democracies. I should like to suggest three such steps tonight.

One, the PLO has offices in many countries throughout the world. They are used for propaganda in favour of terrorism, and as centres for support of acts of terror. These offices have in many cases been granted the status of diplomatic missions. If terrorism is to be fought effectively, this cloak of legitimacy must be removed; the offices closed.

The governments of Libya, Syria, Iraq, South Yemen, and Iran practise terrorism, fund terrorism and use their foreign legations for this purpose while enjoying diplomatic immunity. The nations of the free world should jointly warn these governments that shielding terrorism behind the facade of legitimate diplomatic activities will no longer be tolerated.

Since terrorism can strike swiftly and unexpectedly anywhere on the globe, a multilateral agreement to establish a collaboration between the military forces of the free world should be established, in order to launch operations against terrorists in cases of emergencies arising from terrorist action.

Until such time as these steps are taken, the international effort to combat terrorism will be no more than half-hearted and ineffective. Once they are taken, they will signal our resolve to take the offensive against international terrorism and our unshakable determination to eliminate it from the face of this earth.

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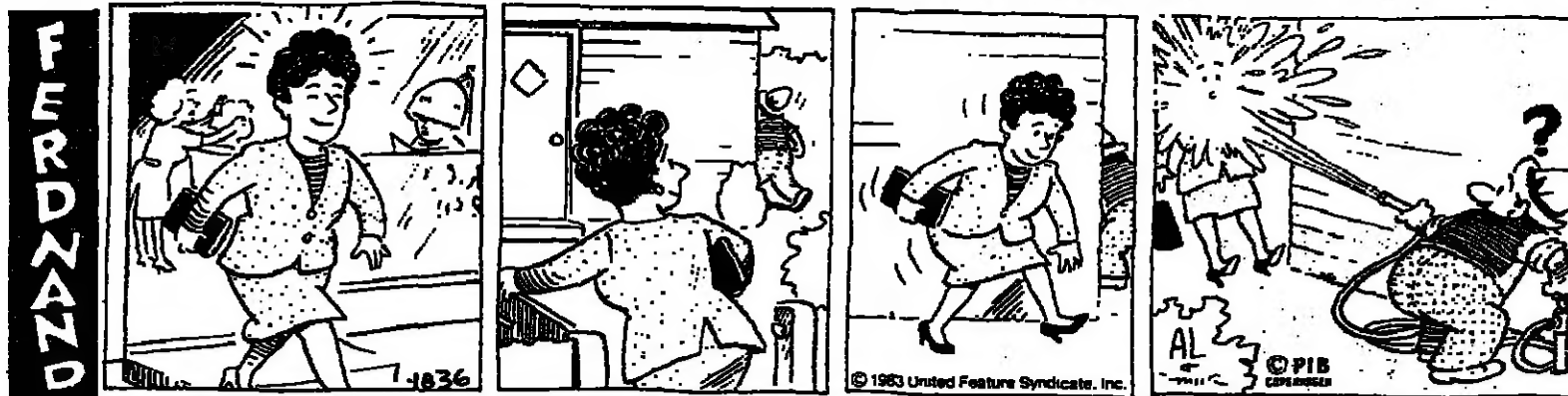
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THE ISRAELI Bowling Association has made it an annual tradition to stage a charity day, the major proceeds of which are channelled to The Jerusalem Post Funds. Last week, they sent us a handsome cheque for IS397,855 to be equally divided between The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund and Forsake Me Not.



Quite a large portion of our contributions is derived from social events: bowls, bridge, slide presentations or courses in floral art. It's encouraging to know that when people are out to enjoy themselves, they still spare a thought for the less fortunate.

Tucked away in our Toy Fund list today are two contributions in memory of Zaida Popkin. Zaida Popkin was a popular author in the U.S., with 14 novels to her credit, some of them adapted for television. One of her novels, *Quiet Street*, was based on her experiences in Israel during the War of Independence.

Zaida Popkin, the sister of Helen Kossi, founder of The Jerusalem Post Funds, died last year in Washington, D.C. Had she lived, she would have been 86 this week. She had a long and exciting career starting as a reporter on the *Wilkes-Barre Times Leader* at the age of 17, and continuing to write when she was past 80.

In these columns we keep on reminding readers that longer life spans will create larger and ongoing social welfare problems in the years ahead. In today's Forsake Me Not list of contributions we have several donations made in honour of golden wedding anniversaries.

One of the communities which has a severe problem in coping with its high ratio of elderly citizens is Safad, where in June, the municipality organized a week of voluntary activities to help the elderly in a variety of ways. But the most pressing problem is that of keeping body and soul together. Pensions just don't stretch far enough to meet basic living expenses. To try to ease the strain, the

A happy tradition

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Safad Community Building/Development Foundation has opened a special fund from which it will supplement the income which the elderly receive from Bituah Leumi, the National Insurance Institute. Contributions to this fund can be made by forwarding cheques to a/c No. 69760, Bank Discount, Safad.

Don't forget that there are also numerous projects for the elderly which benefit from your contributions to Forsake Me Not. And it goes without saying that youth oriented institutions receive allocations for projects and educational tools as well as toys from The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund. Send your contributions now to The Jerusalem Post Funds, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

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IS198,927.50 Israel Bowling Association, Tel Aviv.

IS14,000 In honour of Julie Jacob's 75th birthday - Riva Nurik on behalf of his friends, Caesarea.

IS10,000 Anonymous, Dead Sea. In honour of H.S. Ramat Hasharon, from R & Y Upper Galilee. In memory of my beloved unforgettable husband on the 20th year of his death in Yagor, Nulka - A. Polson, Tel Aviv. In honour of Mr. and Mrs. G. Seider of Ramat Chai on their Golden Wedding anniversary - Serafin Osherson, Tel Aviv.

IS7,000 For the 70th birthday of Dr. El Leiman, Beersheva - Helga Caro and Ilan Stern.

IS6,000 David and Cande Rotsberg, Jerusalem.

IS5,460 In honour of Mr. and Mrs. L. Ratner's 30th wedding anniversary, with best wishes - Ben and Lily Mincin, Kfar Shmaryahu.

IS5,000 B.B. Jerusalem - Violet Clark, Seyon. Betty Davids and friends, Herzliya. Jacob Hirschberg, Ramat Gan. In honour

of our first grandchild and the engagement of our daughter Naomi to Joel - Anonymous, Jerusalem.

IS4,200 Anonymous, Jerusalem. Bella Hirshtal, Jerusalem, on behalf of Faye and Nat Friedman, Los Angeles, Calif.

IS4,000 In loving memory of his parents - Harold Herbert, Haifa. Dr. Ph. Glaser, Safad. Chana Hertz, Kfar Yehia, Shimon Birnbaum, Jerusalem. A.A. Bnei Brak.

IS3,000 In memory of Joseph Podolsky - Morris and Sylvia Podolsky, New York. In honour of Mrs. Cecile Hase's birthday from her sister - Lora Jacoby, Jerusalem.

IS3,000 In loving memory of our father Louis Jack Davidowitz of Cape Town - Joseph and Sarah Cohen and brothers Levey and Martin, London, England. Mr. Roman Konigsberg, Canada. Bridge Friends, Tel Aviv. For our Golden Wedding - Werner and Thea Kramer, Haifa. C.L. Grayson.

IS2,000 Anonymous, Givatayim. Anonymous, Jerusalem. Rivkah and Norbert Bacharach, Herzliya Pituah. Anonymous, Kiryat Oron. Isabella Nadel Jerusalem. Erika Briman on behalf of her bridge group, Haifa. Anonymous. In honour of the golden wedding of our aunt and uncle Nora and Maurice Lessen - Lysbeth and Ben Milwitsky, Haifa. In memory of my husband Dr. Carl Levin.

IS1,500 Anonymous, Jerusalem.

IS1,500 Bridge Party, Tel Aviv.

IS1,000 In honour of Mr. Grete Cohen. Nakhari, on the occasion of her 75th birthday - Dr. Grete Weidenbaum, Jerusalem. In memory of Uncle Sam Binstock - Naomi Markowitz, Kibbutz Shilocho. In cherished memory of our dear departed parents & family - The Levins, Jerusalem. Yehudi Shmueli, Ramat Hasharon. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Cohen, Jerusalem. A. Felsen, on behalf of Ladies Rumney Wellishers, Tel Aviv. Anonymous. Anonymous, Petah Tikva. On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of our wedding - Grete and Ernst Siegel, Haifa.

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IS80 Anonymous, Channah, Kansas.

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IS30 Joseph and Chaya Cohen, Ayelet Hashachar. In honour of our grandson Scott Bell's Bar Mitzvah. In honour of Liza Bell, Brooklyn, N.Y. In honour of our Jewish brothers and sisters, who are presently incarcerated in Soviet Russia.

IS36 In honour of Joe Ober's 98th birthday and Helen Ober's 96th birthday soon afterwards - Carol and David Revenblatt, East Patchogue, N.Y. In memory of Grandmother's Gittel Basheer and Esther Barish - Dr. and Mrs. Leo S. Levy, Morristown, N.J. In memory of Rabbi Fidel Feinstein - Amy and Jack Gilroy, Haifa.

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IS20 Janis McGilfray, Thayer, IL.

IS18 In memory of my beloved father, Louis Stechel, of blessed memory - Howard J. Stechel, Los Angeles, Ca. In loving memory of my sister Anna Bessler and her husband Max Bessler - Dr. Leon Neumann, Saint Louis, Mo. Instead of flowers for Mother's Day - Rudolph C. Bodlander, Riverdale, N.Y. In memory of our parents, Flo and Nat Weisbaum, Lisa and Harry Shapiro - Lily and Morris Levitt, Brooklyn, N.Y. To Loni on her special birthday with love, Rolf - Renold Hollander, Netanya. In memory of Dora Orenstein - Max Orenstein, Hartford, Ct.

IS12 Sisterhood of Cong. B'nai Israel of Midwood, Brooklyn, N.Y.

IS10 In honour of visit to Israel by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Pines and Lynn of Hollywood, Florida - Mrs. Jean Weisberg, Sofia. In memory of Jay Milstein - Morris Dagen, Briarcliff, N.Y. In memory of my beloved mother, Basia Freedman, on the first anniversary of her passing - Harriet Kessler, Bohemia, N.Y. Janis McGilfray, Thayer, IL.

DM25 Dipl. Ing. Hans Mandl, West Germany. D.F500 Jacob van den Berg, Barendrecht, Holland.

SwF20 Anonymous, Switzerland.

Can5100 In honour of Trivia and Aaron Estrin on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary - Lilian Frydland, Vancouver, Canada. In gratitude to our parents Lily and Isadore Tobin for their loving support of our aliyah to Israel - Susan and Armand Brajman, Sionon. Dov and Joshua. Kibbutz Yiron.

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Blueprint for bureaucracy

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN/Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE BEST WAY of improving public administration in Israel is to have a prime minister who cares about the subject. The next best thing is to have a finance minister who does. But if neither exists - which in Israel is the case - no improvement can be expected unless the cabinet includes a minister of public administration.

So says Yehzekiel Dror, professor of political science and Wolfson professor of public administration at the Hebrew University.

Dror headed a three-man research team commissioned by the College of Administration in Tel Aviv to come up with recommendations for improving government policy-making and public administration. His fellow members were Likud Knesset member Yosef Rom, who is professor of aeronautical engineering at the Technion, and Dr. Moshe Shani, senior lecturer in political science at Haifa University.

The appointment of a minister of public administration is one of 14 recommendations in the team's report, which was submitted last month. Dror said in an interview that France has such a minister, and England was fortunate in having two former prime ministers, Edward Heath and Harold Wilson, who personally pressed for administrative reform.

The report cites the fate of the recommendations of the Sanbar committee on local government, submitted in June 1981 - only a handful of which were implemented - to show the necessity for a minister whose main job would be to improve public administration.

Unlike most Western countries, Israel has no central body responsible for improving government administration. Consequently, the report concludes, unless there is a special minister for this job "there is practically no prospect of effecting a real improvement in public administration." Dror adds that this minister need not be a permanent fixture. But certainly one is needed for four years in order to push through fundamental reforms.

ISRAEL IS ONE of the few Western nations that have done nothing to improve its public administration in the past 25 years, Dror says. Under Jimmy Carter's civil service reforms, for example, a "senior executive service" was established.

This is an elite group of highly qualified officials, already well experienced when hired, who undergo special training to work on a fixed-term agreement - without tenure - at a higher salary. According to Dror Israel has no senior civil service officials.

Party considerations aside, he says, the quality of the government machinery is on the decline. It is "obsolete and in parts primitive." Take personnel management, for instance. Everyone agrees that is very important. Yet professional personnel management does not exist in any government department.

Few ministries have planning units. The Defence Ministry being the most notable exception. Budgeting is primitive - still being built mainly on expenditure items (how much must be paid in salaries in this unit or that) instead of programme budgeting, which is product - or output - oriented.

Three years later, when funds were made available by a private donor, the cabinet set up the World Institute, with the specific task of training policy-planners for all ministries. It closed down in 1975, and Dror attributes its failure mainly to the lack of a professional policy analysis staff in the prime minister's office to formulate problems for the institute, maintain close contact with it, and absorb its findings.

The Dror-Rom-Shani report is silent on a think tank, but urges the establishment of a professional policy-planning and policy analysis staff for the prime minister and the cabinet. Dror calls this "the single most important non-political recommendation in the report."

Dror recently completed a three-year study leave in the course of which he studied at first hand the functioning of the prime minister's office in 32 countries. One of his main conclusions: "To improve the central mind of government there is need for professional islands of excellence close to the ruler."

Many countries are moving in this direction, Dror says. They are doing so awkwardly, because a policy-planning unit imposes a certain discipline on the top politicians and many of them don't like this. Nevertheless they are moving in this direction, which is not happening in Israel.

The prime minister has the right to dismiss ministers (something Ben-Gurion did not have) but, because of his dependence on his coalition partners, when it comes to firing a minister not of his own party he usually finds it unwise to exercise this right.

The universities are showing an interest in the subject. The Hebrew University Senate recently voted for the establishment of a school of public policy and public administration and Tel Aviv University has decided to set up an inter-departmental programme in public policy. Both the Technion and Haifa University are considering the idea.

THE CONSTANT call for "fewer ministries" and "fewer ministers" is an often-heard plea says Dror, who

last year received the first annual Harold Lasswell award from the Policy Studies Association as "an outstanding scholar in contributing to the understanding of public policy."

He calls the emphasis put on "too many ministers" a "symbolic delusion" that diverts the public's attention away from the real problem. It's like treating a small pain on your little finger while neglecting cancer of the liver.

Dror says, that in Israel, there is a tendency towards the "rigidification" - or if you prefer, the ossification - of institutions. One example of this is health services in the country - whose principal structure goes back to the pre-state yishuv.

Dror on the whole subject of administrative reform, says Israeli politicians are "inertia-prone." They are not aware of the importance of the subject or are concerned with other, more pressing issues. And since Israel has undergone so much external change, this inertia has widened the adjustment gap: there is "a steadily increasing incapacity to govern."

Dror cites the defence establishment as an exception to the general lethargy. After the Six Day War it proved itself very innovative and greatly expanded its research and development activities. Its very self-assurance enabled it to move into new fields. (But that same self-assurance, he adds, was one of the reasons for the Yom Kippur debacle.)

AFTER THE Yom Kippur War, the planning branch of the defence ministry was upgraded in the ministerial hierarchy. Headed for many years by Aluf Avraham ("Abrasha") Tamir, it is reputed to be making an important contribution.

The three-man team tried to steer clear of politics. But it found it necessary to make one exception: Since it was convinced that any real improvement in policy-making depends on strengthening the status and powers of the prime minister, the team recommended that he be given the right to decide on new Knesset elections.

When we copied the British parliamentary system, we forgot that an integral element of that system is the prime minister's right to call new elections - even though in a two-party system that is less essential in Britain than it is in Israel, Dror says.

The submission of the team's recommendations during the election campaign may or may not have been an accident. But one can only join in the team's hope that the next government will not miss the opportunity "to begin a systematic process of improving decision-making and public administration in Israel."

The writer is The Jerusalem Post Knesset reporter.

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STEF WERTHEIMER isn't running for the Knesset. If anything, the former MK is running away from it, having seen it from the inside.

The 57-year-old Nahariya industrialist, founder and managing director of the Iscar (chard metal products) and Iscar Blades (turbine blade factories) - has won enough awards and honours to make "success" his middle name.

He was elected to the Knesset on the Democratic Movement for Change ticket in 1977 and served for four years.

His feeling now about the Knesset he assures me, is not a case of sour grapes: "I don't think it would be hard for me to get in again if I wanted to."

In an early morning interview, the only time he could spare from a busy day that included a privately booked helicopter flight to Jerusalem for the funeral of Yigael Yadin, the former leader of the DMC, Wertheimer explains why he wants to stay out of the Knesset.

"In my four years in the House I realized that the Knesset will not solve Israel's economic problems, which I believe will make or break us."

"The Knesset is constantly busy with security and foreign affairs. These are indeed vital issues, but they are not the only vital issues and the Knesset has no time for the serious consideration of the others."

"The fact that so many leading MKs and government ministers are former military career officers - and I have great personal admiration for them - only places even greater emphasis on these issues," he says.

The time that is left over, he says,

is devoted largely to discussions on the division of "our unearned income" - U.S. aid.

WERTHEIMER is convinced that Israel's economic salvation - which he says will cure Israel's other ills, too - will not come from the Knesset. He believes the economic problems can be solved outside the framework of the Knesset and the government - a sort of extra-parliamentary salvation - and he therefore has no intention of spending his time in the Knesset, "though I do not, in any way, want to belittle its importance."

He feels the economic salvation will be achieved by a combination of entrepreneurs, men of ideas, "Jewish genius" and hard work - qualities not to be sought in the Knesset.

Wertheimer, surprisingly, does not think it matters very much whether the Likud or the Alignment win the election.

So far, he says, both have been advocating the same goals, but neither has said how the goals should be achieved.

Wertheimer fears that whatever the outcome, they will simply carry on as before, fighting each other "beyond the limits of reason or decorum."

But he does believe that the smaller parties, dedicated to realistic programmes, should be given a greater say.

He recalls that a few months ago he had proposed both to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and to Labour Party leader Shimon Peres that they join forces in reducing inflation - the cancer of the body politic - to 50 per cent. "That's still

far too high, but it would reduce the tumour sufficiently to make residual treatment possible."

Both conceded his point and promised to consider it, but has heard no more from them since.

"Basically there's no difference between the Likud and Alignment. Both are busy distributing American aid money."

"I believe that the continuation of the Zionist dream requires a healthy economy created by high-technology exports. And this is not going to be designed in the Knesset."

"Seven decades ago, Kibbutz Degania said, 'Thank you very much' to Baron Rothschild and sent back his aid. Those members of the first kibbutz made up their minds to be independent. They chose the harder road, but it was the right road."

"In Israel today, private enterprise will give us economic independence, which also means greater security, political independence, a better society and an improved quality of life. That, and not the Knesset, is what occupies me now."

WERTHEIMER is currently engaged in three specific tasks: running the Iscar group of factories; carrying through his Kfar Vradim rose garden city project in the Tefen region of Western Galilee, where the first families are due to move in before the end of the year; and "Entrepreneur," an entrepreneurs industrial park near Kfar Vradim.

Kfar Vradim, it is planned, will have a population of 10,000. So far, 300 families have registered. It is the first town in Israel to be built by its future residents on a free-enterprise basis. They will live in one- or two-family houses, with their own school, shopping and community centres, sports fields and swimming pool.

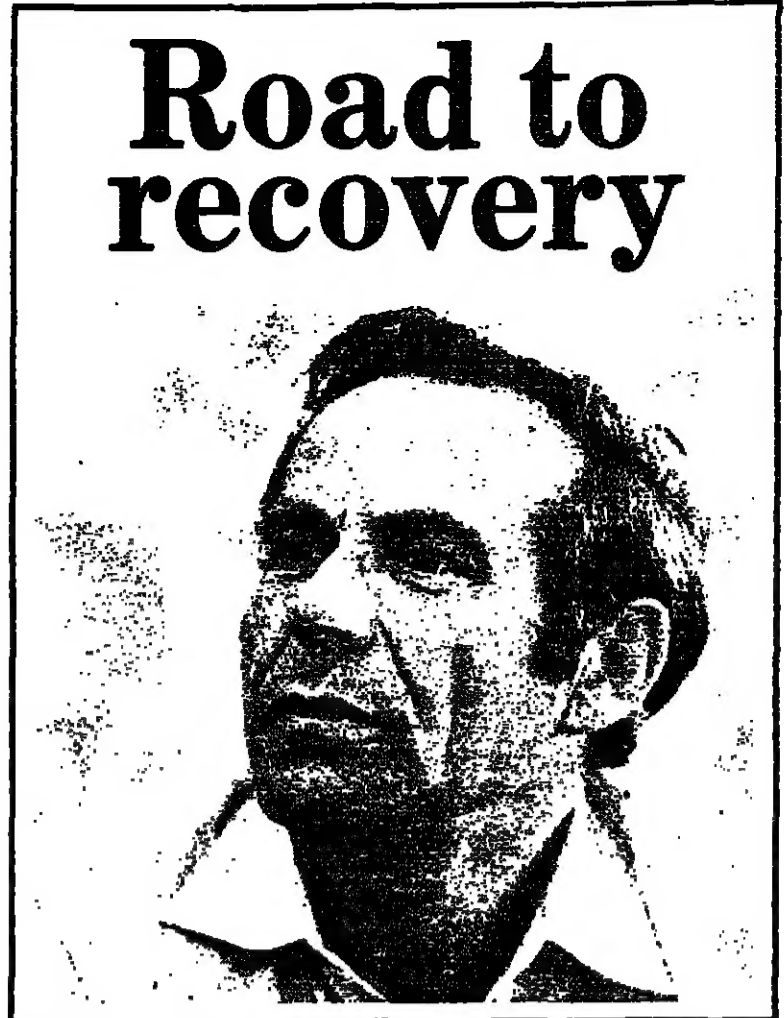
Over half the intending settlers are professional, most engineers and technicians, while many of the wives have teaching and clerical skills.

"We asked the government for nothing. We built our own infrastructure, yet it comes out cheaper than you'd pay in a new city planned by the government," says Wertheimer, who is clearly very proud of his "rosy baby."

Moreover, Arab residents are welcome and some of the men who work in the Iscar factories, have registered to settle in the town.

Wertheimer's third project - the "Entrepreneur" - can accommodate 15 new high-technology factories that initially can afford neither the time nor the money for administration, services, rents and mortgages. These

The Post's Ya'acov Friedler talks to industrialist and former MK Stef Wertheimer (below)



functions drain about 45 per cent of the operating budgets, at precisely the time when the company is involved in product development, equipment acquisition, running-in and market penetration.

Entrepreneur, which Wertheimer has volunteered to manage without a fee for its first year, is about to open. The factories will pay subsidized rentals, gradually increasing to full value in their third year. The Ministry of Industry will provide an on-site export specialist and free consultation will be available from such leading industrialists as Uzi Galil of Elron, Joe Levi of Koor, Dov Lautman of Delta, and Yehuda Dronicki of Ormat.

Entrepreneur will share Rose Garden City's quality-of-life facilities and will be able to draw from its reservoir of skilled residents. An ORT school will function on the site to enable

employees to upgrade and diversify skills.

WERTHEIMER wants to see a dozen such cities and parks established throughout the country, and he is ready to help them: "I have no ambitions. I want no share, not even a plaque on the wall. I just want people to get going and take the future into their own hands."

He believes the government meddles too much, "and the people now expect the government to do things for them."

He sees this as very unhealthy and wants the government to divest itself of industry, including the defence industry, because private enterprise can do better.

"We have too much government and so, instead of creating money the government needs increasing amounts just to keep itself going."

Ideally, he would like a Swiss-type government - the sort of government where people neither know nor care what the names of their ministers are.

"Israel should become known in the world not for making war but making wares - high-quality, sophisticated products that people need and want."

Wertheimer is optimistic. He firmly believes Israel can achieve economic independence - "if only men of initiative stop waiting for the government to get them going."

In the past 15 years, he says, Israel's exports were raised from a few hundred million to \$5 billion a year. And he is sure that figure can be doubled in 10 years.

Such an occurrence would also serve to keep our brightest young people in Israel and bring back skilled emigrants who had left to seek challenging jobs abroad.

He also wants Arab capital to be involved in Israeli industry, first local and then from across the border: "Why aren't there any factories near the Good Fence in which the Lebanese not only work but also invest?" he asks. By meshing vested interests, the winds of war will be calmed, he believes, leading to eventual peace.

STEF WERTHEIMER is sometimes dismissed as an eccentric with impractical ideas. But this evaluation ignores the fact that he started from scratch in a wooden box in Nahariya 32 years ago - circumstances which he parlayed into the Iscar group which now employs 1,400 workers who produce \$70 million worth of products, of which over 80 per cent are exported to the industrialized world.

Furthermore, he has set up half-a-dozen smaller firms in the Galilee, employing 30 to 50 workers each, making sophisticated products from computer parts to stainless steel screws for orthopedic operations, turning over between \$1 million and \$2 million each.

In addition, he has set up half-a-dozen factories - wholly owned by Iscar - in the U.S., South Africa and Europe, making specialized products for local giants and designed in Nahariya. He is also involved in a joint venture with a Japanese company. All of the factories are profitable.

"I want Israel to appear in the world not as a poor, hard-luck story always in need of hand-outs, but as an investor and as an equal."

Wertheimer winces at the mention of the Knesset being reconvened to

pass a law to make it illegal for the government to touch people's savings. He recalls that during his four years in the House, "we didn't have one serious economic debate," yet now they hurry through legislation as though a law could create money that isn't there.

"The Knesset is an important institution, doing a difficult job. But it's overrated," he says. "They talk about vital security and foreign affairs, but they don't get down to life, its quality, culture, education, except in terms of the money to be allocated to them."

Wertheimer believes that the smart vote in this election is not for the two big parties, "because it's not important for our future whether our borders are a few kilometers more or less to the east or north. What is important is what we'll be doing inside those borders."

He therefore favours the smaller parties, like Shinui or Yigal Hurvitz's list, which are dedicated to realistic goals that will determine Israel's future. If they are strong enough, they will be able to nudge the big parties to do some sensible and very necessary things instead of quarrelling with each other to the point of violence.

ON THE other hand, he would not support Ezer Weizman's list, because he believes Israel needs fewer not more, generals in the Knesset. A military career, he says, is certainly not a recommendation for public office. Haim Bar-Lev made a good chief-of-staff, but a bad minister of industry. And even the late DMC leader, Yigael Yadin, was a good chief-of-staff and later a good archaeologist, but he failed as a politician.

Another of Wertheimer's favourite hobby-horses is income tax: "To assure our future we must export. Exporting must be profitable and it can't be when the manufacturer must pay his workers more every month. But we can give the workers a higher income without pricing ourselves out of the market by reducing their income tax."

"I suggested to Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad that he grant a 50 per cent reduction to export production workers. He agreed to the idea, but he doesn't know how to carry it out, so we stagnate. You see, it doesn't matter what the politicians say, it's what they do that counts."

His proposal can, of course, be shrugged off as yet another bizarre idea that is not for the real world. But the fact is that he has tried it by paying his workers' taxes, and it works.

der. If Labour is elected," says Aviad. "We will be a danger again, pushing for withdrawal from Lebanon and a settlement freeze on the West Bank."

ONE ACTIVIST told The Post bluntly that, because Peace Now had been labelled with a "super-dove" image, it was lying low in the elections, "so as not to harm" the prospects of the Alignment; "but every-one knows whom we are for."

Reshef says frankly that the movement's strength is extraparlimentary. "We unite many divergent streams under our banner," he notes.

There were enough parties which agreed with the Peace Now line, he declared. There was no point in putting up a fifth list, which would

simply attract votes from the other side. "I suppose the right list, some members of the Knesset," he said, "but we can do much more by continuing our campaign as in the past."

Meanwhile Aviad, is keeping things going quietly, doing the books, continuing with the movement's educational activities at home and abroad. The various movement forums are not meeting often, but the leading activists are maintaining contact. She thinks "most unlikely" that there will be any more activities before the election; but on the morning after, things will start to move.

"We are like a runner on the starting-block ready to go," she said. "We can get it all together in a minute!"

Peace Now politics

By DANIEL GAVRON / Jerusalem Post Reporter

a matter of tactics.

Peace Now remains dedicated to the basic principle, "Peace is greater than Greater Israel," which means being prepared to compromise over the West Bank for the sake of peace and opposing the war in Lebanon. It is a one-issue movement. It does not have a policy on social issues, except that it believes money spent on West Bank settlement should be used for Israel's own poor neighbourhoods.

What about other political parties such as Ezer Weizman's Yabud, or the Progressive List for Peace?

Weizman was saying many of the right things about peace, conceded Reshef, but he had refused to meet with Peace Now representatives to discuss his policy. He had also not stated categorically that he would not enter a coalition with the Likud. This meant that voting for Weizman was a gamble. Reshef was not prepared to recommend that the movement's sympathizers vote for Yabud.

Peace Now did not see the Progressive List for Peace as representing its views. "We are a Zionist movement," stressed Reshef. "We are against Greater Israel; but we are staunchly Zionist."

This did not mean that he was in favour of banning the list. Reshef personally was utterly opposed to the ban and he was confident most Peace Now supporters felt the same way.

JANET AVIAD, who looks after the movement's finances, laughed out loud in response to the question of where Peace Now's financial clout was going in the campaign. The movement does not have any financial clout, she assured The Post.

It was solvent, she conceded. There were hundreds of regular monthly contributions varying be-

tween IS200 and IS1,000 and this "kept the movement going." Apart from that Peace Now launches fundraising drives from demo to demo.

At the moment, said Aviad, the movement was not on the street, but - unlike the situation during the 1981 elections - it is not asleep. It is poised and ready to go.

In the opinion of Aviad, Reshef and other movement activists, Peace Now will really have its work cut out if the Alignment forms the next government.

"You could compare it to Gush Emunim and the Likud," Hebrew University Professor Jonathan Frankel suggested. "They had an entrée to the Likud government and became more active when Menachem Begin formed his cabinet. We will have to use our contacts with members of a Labour administration."

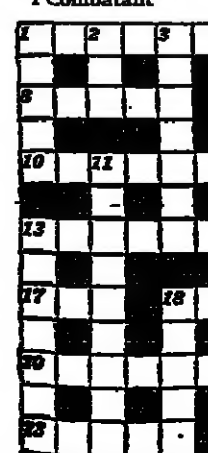
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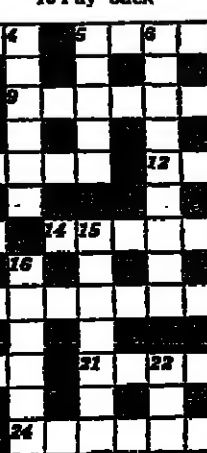
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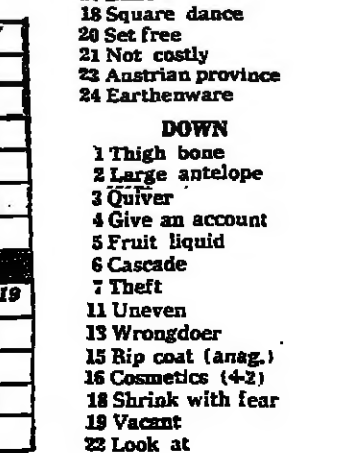
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Money Matters

Shares turn lower as rally fizzles

TEL AVIV. - Shares moved lower yesterday as the brief rally that greeted the announcement of the abolition of the "Peace for Galilee" levy petered out. The bond market remained stable, and it appears the interest of the public is centered almost entirely on the foreign currency market.

The loss of momentum in the share market had already been noted in Wednesday's trading, and the negative trend that emerged yesterday came as no surprise to traders and analysts. With two weeks left until the elections no-one now expects a move to the upside; indeed, given the growing panic and the widespread flight from shekels to foreign currency, it would not be surprising to see selling pressure emerge.

Volume on the share market was a trifle up from Wednesday, at IS667 million compared to IS630m., but once again, the rise came in the bank share sector. In fact, the turnover in the "free" shares dropped to IS225m. and the "arrangement" sector took IS442m., or two thirds of the overall amount. Most of this volume came from selling offers, particularly in the bank shares, but here the supply was soaked up with little change in price. In the free share market the falls were more significant.

Thus the decline of 0.76 per cent in the General Share Index was primarily the result of the 1.43 per cent loss in the non-bank index, since the "arrangement" index only slipped by 0.34 per cent. The main losers amongst the various sectors were the insurance group, off 2.77 per cent, and the oil sector, which lost 2.87 per cent, although the investment companies and service and trade sectors were not far behind.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

Among the "arrangement" shares, the "big three" - IDB, Hapoalim and Leumi - all absorbed large selling orders, with IDB the only loser and that by only a one per cent margin.

Phoenix insurance fell 10 per cent, despite its encouraging business news issued yesterday (see below). Hapoalim also fell, by almost 8 per cent, after a long period of steady gains. Other big losers included Crystall, (-13.3 per cent), Bayisad and Frutaron. These latter two are also more commonly found on the risers list.

Pride of place went, as predicted, to Amisat. After its meteoric rise, the share was marked "sellers only" for two successive days, paving the way for a dramatic fall of 22.4 per cent yesterday which left the price at 4.200. While this is bad news for anyone who bought at the peak of IS6,000, it still represents an advance of 50 per cent over the starting point of IS2,800, from which the share blasted off on June 19 - not a bad return, even after inflation.

The bond market maintained its low profile which it has adopted in recent days. Volume fell back to IS630m., and the price levels were little changed overall. The General Bond Index rose by only 0.35 per cent, and now stands at 222.74.

At this level, the index is at least 10 per cent behind the rate of inflation which it is supposed to reflect. With the publication of the June index only one week away, this discrepancy will soon begin to attract attention, but even now one can say that its existence is eloquent testimony to the unwillingness of the public to buy, or even hold, government index-linked bonds.

Announcements:
The Stock Exchange drew the attention of its members to the Galil Technology shares, which were yesterday marked "sellers only" after two successive days of being "buyers only." In such a case, the share may trade free of any price restriction on the following session, and the members are advised to insist that their customers give orders accompanied by price limits.

Phoenix insurance company announced that its premiums from life insurance grew in the first half of 1984 by 10 per cent in real terms, compared to the same period last year. The company also achieved a 400 per cent growth rate in sales of new insurance policies.

Dabek has given the dates for its forthcoming dividend and bonus share payoffs: the ex-day for the cash dividend and the bonus shares will be July 15, with the shares being distributed on July 18, and the cash on July 31.

Most Active Shares:
Leumi 4010 1520.3m. n.c.
Hapoalim 6336 1511.8m. n.c.
IDB 9306 1585.0m. -0.4

Turnovers:
Shares: IS667.5m.
Bonds: IS629.4m.
Issues up: 109
Issues down: 266

Bank of Israel exchange rates
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U.S. dollar 243.30
British sterling 322.98
German mark 28.017
French franc 76.186
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Belgian franc (10) 42.309
Austrian schilling (10) 122.52
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Spanish peseta (100) 151.57
Jordanian dinar 642.31
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Commercial Banks
(not part of "arrangement")

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
OHH	2242	-4	-0.35
Martime	1020	49	n.c.
Martime 0.5	339	603	n.c.
N. American	1898	22	-11
N. American 0.5	1333	39	-14
N. Amer. op	2390	30	-4
Danot	323	146	-36
Danot 0.5	76	1494	-8
Danot 1	206	51	-4
First Int'l	364	1849	-33
FIBI 0.5	396	617	-19

Commercial Banks
(part of "arrangement")

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
IDB	9306	891	-94
IDB 0.5	10000	7	n.c.
IDB 1	59600	1	-400
Union 0.1	6900	8	n.c.
Discount B	11860	15	+60
Discount A	11910	443	-140
Discount C	1361	28	-4
Mizrahi	3620	1011	n.c.
Mizrahi 0.5	3815	12	n.c.
Mizrahi 1	1661	185	-97

Hapoalim

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Hapoalim	6336	1764	n.c.
Hapoalim 0.5	6315	217	-30
Hapoalim 1	24700	1	+800
General A	16000	5	-700
General B	57000	-3100	-4.2
General C	15100	1	-200
General D	12800	1	-200
General E	770	25	-40
Leumi 0.1	4010	2999	n.c.
Leumi 0.5	5350	35	-150
Leumi 1	130	10	-4
Finance Trade	5575	17	-35
Finance Trade 0.5	2899	28	n.c.

Mortgage Banks

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Adanim 0.1	1078	10	-22
Gen. Mortgage	1293	8	n.c.
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Carmel deb	194	194	-19
Binay	1590	10	-60
Dev. Mortgage	437	61	n.c.
Dev. Mortgage 0.5	425	2	n.c.
Independence	1040	14	n.c.
Tefatoh	1120	2	n.c.
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Jaysour	170	142	-9
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Jaysour op	115	68	-5
Mervar	320	200	-13

Financial Institutions

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Shilon	80	s.o.1	-4
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Agriculture A	22480	8	n.c.
Agriculture B	1150	1	-10
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Ind. Dev. CC	35190	-2	+1100
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Archev	573	s.o.1	-30
Archev deb	412	46	+22
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Ararat 0.1	368	38	+18
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Hadar 1	355	20	n.c.
Hadar 0.5	174	20	n.c.
Hapoalim 0.5	945	-575	-70
Phoenix 0.5	486	-110	-10
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Hamishmar 1	1100	3	n.c.
Hamishmar 0.5	941	100	n.c.
Hamishmar op	1500	-	-
Yardenia 0.1	259	24	-6
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Memorah 1	2950	3	-96
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Sahar 1	682	3	n.c.
Sahar 0.5	397	53	n.c.
Sahar op	601	-	-
Zion Hold. 1	344	29	n.c.
Zion Hold. 0.5	162	98	-2

Trade & Services

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Inter-Gamma	330	74	-10
Inter-Gamma 0.5	159	342	-12
Inter-Gamma 1	69	71	-5
Metz Etra	612	109	-66
Metz Etra op	390	60	+28
Teis	178	123	-7
Teis 0.5	142	s.o.2	-7
Teis op	36	200	-6
Clal Trade	377	234	-41
Clal Trade op	350	127	-80
Crystal	208	9	-32
Rapac 0.1	1765	26	+85
Rapac 0.5	487	s.o.1	-43
Supersol 1	1640	30	+10
Supersol B 10	760	343	n.c.
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Delek	2114	451	-70
Delek 0.5	31	31	-30
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Cold Store 1	16590	-1850	-10
Cold Store 0.5	8920	2	-450
Israel Elec.	685	74	-40
Bond Ware 0.1	481	14	-2
Bond Ware 0.5	340	71	-15
Consort Hold 1	217	60	n.c.
Consort 0.5	230	30	-1
Kopel 1	454	12	-2
Kopel 0.5	180	20	+9

Hotels, Tourism

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Galei Zohar	849	79	n.c.
Galei Zohar 0.5	416	-	-

Computers

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Dan Hotels	1238	15	-32
Dan Hotels 0.5	870	200	n.c.
Coral Beach	321	30	-39
Yarden Hotel	296	31	+15
Yarden Hotel 0.5	139	25	n.c.
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Gradi 0.5	329	700	+2
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Oren 2	75	450	-2
Azaron Prop	289	135	-11
Azaron op	62	57	-4
Elion	48	40	-6
El-Rov 1	164	25	+4
El-Rov 0.5	123	35	+2
Ammonon	184	254	+10
Ammonon op	130	80	+4
Africa Isr. 0.1	1950	45	n.c.
Africa Isr. 1.0	1795	26	+110
Azaron	185	6	+16
Azaron op	128	50	-26
Aradon 0.1	311	24	n.c.
Ben Yakar	338	10	n.c.
Ben Yakar op	400	-	-
Baranowitz 1	158	200	+1
Baranowitz 0.5	85	10	-1
Baranowitz op	75	130	-9
Daneker	230	16	n.c.
Drucker 1	315	39	+20
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The strike weapon

THE STEPPED-UP spate of strikes which has succeeded in sporadically blacking out electricity supplies in various parts of the country this week and which now threatens fuel supplies, is clearly a feature of an overlong election campaign. The Likud, apparently running scared of early elections, had insisted on a prolonged campaign for its own supposed electoral convenience.

Union leaders of some of the best paid workers in the country, like those of the monopolistic electric corporation, are determined to hold the country and the outgoing government to ransom, while the holding is good during the two weeks and more that are left until the July 23 elections. The theory is that the government will give in to any and all demands, lest an electorate enraged by the inconvenience caused by the strikers vents its rage against the ruling government party.

There is nothing new in this approach. In the past, union leaders have often used the final stages of an election to wring concessions out of panicky political leaders, who also control the strings to the public purse.

What is also not new is the fact that those striking are among the best paid workers in the economy. They are not only demanding more; their primary motivation is to ensure that their trade or profession wins last-minute advantages that would put them clearly ahead of other trades and professions. Other strikers yet, like the teachers in the present case, resort to threats and actual strikes to ensure that other professions do not get too far ahead of them. It is a dizzying treadmill, indeed.

Whatever government is installed in office following the elections will be faced with the unenviable choice of reneging on the promises now being made to get the striking workers to return to their posts or to prevent additional strikes by other labour sectors, hell-bent on catching up with the leaders.

What is new, however, in this latest version of the hoary Israeli game, is that the dizzying rate of inflation has undermined all sense of value, both in the monetary and the moral senses of the word. At an annual inflation rate of 400 per cent and more, workers no longer know what they are earning in real terms and, what is as important, are no longer aware whether their pay and status in the labour pecking order is fair.

What is especially worrisome, however, is the fact that more and more unions, both leaders and rank and file, have been ready to cross that indefinable but unmistakable line between what is permissible and what is not in industrial action.

It took the aggressive electricity workers decades until they dared actually to shut power down to the whole country several years ago. This time around it was apparently a simple decision to pull the switch in what was an argument over a pittance.

The threshold was apparently crossed last year when the country's doctors, members of a profession dedicated to the healing of the sick, worked themselves into a frenzy, in which state they knowingly were prepared to risk the health and at times the lives of their patients as part of a strike for money.

It would now seem that we have reached the stage in which union leaders are in competition as to who can think up more ingenious ways of harming the population and the most sacrosanct values of the society. The case of the researchers of the defence establishment's Weapons Development Authority is an example of the depths to which this situation has been permitted to descend.

The first order of business of the next government will be to tackle the crisis in the economy. The contending parties are understandably unwilling to speak up openly, so close to the elections, of how they plan to deal with the problems of hyper-inflation, the foreign trade balance and the structural changes needed to get the economy back on an even keel. Whatever talk there has been concerns obvious fiscal and monetary steps that have the imprimatur of the community of professional economists.

But the recent strikes should serve as a reminder to whichever party forms the next government, that events in Israel's troubled labour arena will in effect determine the success or failure of any new economic policy.

The Likud came to power seven years ago with the promise of a panacea in the guise of compulsory arbitration of all labour disputes. The advisability of this proposition was debatable even then, but in its two terms of office the Likud has done absolutely nothing to put this aspect of its labour ideology into practice and to test its feasibility.

But it should be openly admitted that Labour too, when it was in power, showed no signs of knowing what to do about the breakdown in trade union responsibility that was already so evident in the late 1960s and throughout the '70s.

A Labour government, and indeed any government that will take over the economic reins after the elections, will find that the hammering out of a broadly accepted consensus on wage and income policy will be a precondition for the success of any economic policy.

ABOUT 1,000 YEARS AGO, King Canute took his throne and his court to the beach, sat himself down, and formally ordered the sea not to advance inland any more.

This is the only historical precedent that comes to mind when seeking to put in context the extraordinary "law" that our august body of elected representatives passed this week, "Protecting" our financial assets from... from whom? From the next batch of elected representatives.

Let's be clear about one thing. When the level of indebtedness of the Israeli economy reaches a point where it is no longer possible to repay either Israeli citizens or foreigners for past loans, it will collapse. "Collapse" means the inability to import basic food and raw materials to maintain production and normal modes of living.

That point is not absolutely measurable. It is primarily fixed by the level of confidence that exists in the financial system, by the willingness of local and overseas deposit-holders to leave their money in Israeli banks and to lend money to the Israeli government. This level is eroding before our very eyes, as the repeated panics of the last 12 months have amply proved. The Israeli citizen is voting with his wallet.

If the foreigners join the stampede, it could be all over within a few days. The eighth-largest bank in the U.S., Continental Illinois of Chicago, which alone had more assets than the \$7 billion of free foreign currency deposits held by the entire Israeli banking system, was annihilated in one week in May this year by the

spreading and acceptance of rumours as to its shaky position.

Against this background, and faced with this threat, the Knesset produced a wall-to-wall coalition which solemnly undertook to repay everything to everybody, and also to give discharged soldiers large piles of shekels. Undischarged soldiers were dealt with by the government a few weeks earlier; civilian groups are being paid off as quickly as the bureaucracy can manage them.

At the very same time, the perpetrators of this meaningless "law" are asking, indeed insisting, that we choose between the two major blocs to decide who should hold power for the next four years. On one point there is agreement between the Likud and the Alignment: One must vote for one of the two of them. A vote for the smaller parties is a wasted vote. The citizen must vote for strong, firm, even authoritative government, not blackmail, not patchwork coalitions.

FINE. What will these parties do with the power, if it is given them? Surely the most effective way to answer this question is to examine what the present government has done in office, and what the opposition has done to oppose it, and — perhaps more relevant for the future — what they are promising us in their campaigns.

Lies and statistics

By PINCHAS LANDAU

There is no need to waste many words on the economic policy record of the Likud government. One fact overshadowed by the developments of the last year is sufficient in itself to condemn it. In the 26 months from election of June 1981 until August 1983, the second Begin government failed to hold even one major cabinet debate on economic policy. There were, it may be recalled, various other events in the nation's life in those two years, but one would have thought that economic policy merited at least a minimal level of attention.

Not until Yoram Aridor came to the cabinet 11 months ago and told his colleague that the game was up, and the great experiment of "correct economics" had blown up and threatened to take the economy with it, did the other ministers start paying some interest beyond checking how their shares were doing. I have always found it a remarkable coincidence, if nothing more, that Menachem Begin announced his resignation one week after Aridor told him the true score on the economic front — not after the Kahane commission, not after his wife's death, but just then.

So much for the Likud. As that rule passes into history, one has to search hard to find economic highlights. Their election propaganda takes this into account by, as far as

possible ignoring the economy. At least they're consistent.

WHAT OF "the only hope" — the Alignment. Are they putting the seven years of Likud rule under the merciless glare of their spotlights? You bet your life they are. And are they fearlessly telling the voting public the plain truth about what will have to be done to clear up the appalling mess that they could be inheriting later this month? Well, em...er...you see.

The bald truth is that the Alignment is so determined to regain power at any price, that anything that might upset that design is simply censored out of existence. The advertising executives who run the campaign have apparently decided that people must be lulled into docility, not roused to fury. Thus the Likud slogan that "you've never had it so good," which is understood by everyone to mean "things can only get worse, so enjoy them while they last" (shades of 1984 and Newspeak!), in fact serves the Alignment very well. They are possibly about to be voted into office on a tide of Likud-printed election bribery.

If they said nothing at all, it might be proper to excuse them. But this is far from the case. They dish out promises of a rosy future which they, no less than everyone else, know to be not just twaddle, but arrant falsehood. Where is the money for the international fund of which they speak which is going to help us move straight to growth from our current position of semi-paralysis. Are we playing Monopoly, that we can come out of jail and advance directly to Go, collecting several billion dollars on the way? Isn't the opposite the case, that we must pick up the cards dealt by the Likud that say "Go to recession. Go directly to heavy unemployment. Do not pass Go. Do not collect any money from foreign lenders until you've got your house in some kind of order."

But no, the Alignment have initiated a bill to give free education to 3 and 4 year olds, and have promised free university education as well. They support giving goodies to discharged soldiers and, above all, they have backed up the commitment not to do anything which might harm the accumulated savings of the public by voting, to the last man, in favour of that progressive piece of legislation this week which is sure to help all the down-trodden and hard-done-by elements of the population, all those holders of Patam and index-linked bonds and savings schemes and provident funds — all the mass of paper "assets" backed by nothing more than the dwindling reserves and dubious reputation of the government.

If this is their attitude before they come to power, then what is one to expect when they are in office? Surely, the unwillingness to risk anything, the desire to seek the quiet life

at any cost, will be much stronger than any hopes of sweeping reforms of dramatic new initiatives will wither and die. Only when the inevitable crisis breaks about their heads will they cast about for change, probably seizing some half-baked and haphazard group of ideas and dressing them up into a "new economic policy."

Finally, a word about statistics. The man in the street cannot but be confused by the numbers and percentages that are thrown around by the bureaucracy, the parties and the media. Even the monthly inflation statistic has been eroded in value, so that most people don't know or care whether inflation is 11 per cent or 15 per cent in a given month, much less what that means if anything.

There is no cause for alarm on this score. In the United States, a much more effective data-collecting service spews out vast quantities of facts, and figures about every sector and field of economic and social activity. All these data are fed into large and expensive computers by legions of analysts with more degrees than they have fingers to count on (sorry, to press buttons with). All the stuff is processed and conclusions are drawn, and results are published in innumerable papers, journals and research reports.

At the end of the day no one is the slightest bit wiser, and most people are far more confused. It is a fact that for the last six months all the experts in the U.S. have been looking for signs of an economic slowdown, and every new statistic has been scrutinized to bring evidence for or against. As of this time the slowdown has not materialized, and the economy is roaring along. But the clever people will get it right in the end. For one and a half years, from early 1981 until mid-1982, they predicted an end to recession, and in the end it came. Too bad for those who based their decisions on the early predictions.

In Israel, by contrast, the information is late, spotty and often the figures are rigged by the government. But this is a small country. If you want to know what is going on in the economy, you simply need to take a leisurely stroll around, say, Allenby, the Carmel market, Yehuda Halevi/Rothschild and the central post office in Tel Aviv, or the main commercial area in your home town. You will soon know if business is booming, and also which sorts of businesses are booming. Add to that the knowledge gained from past experience and common sense, which says that only when the local economy cools down can the underlying problems be attacked, and you'll know exactly what's going on. You can't believe most of what you hear but you can still believe what you yourself see.

(The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.)

READERS' LETTERS

BANNING POLITICAL PARTIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — The issues raised by Yosef Goell in his article of June 22 supporting the Central Elections Committee's decision to deny the Kach Movement and the Progressive List for Peace the right to come before the Israeli electorate seem to me so crucial as to warrant further discussion even though the Supreme Court may have ruled on the appeals against the decision by the time this letter is published.

In his article, Mr. Goell writes that "at first glance one could argue that it might be preferable for motions for disqualifying party lists to be considered by a more impartial, non-political body."

Indeed... and not only "at first glance," but — and even more clearly — at second glance as well. For decisions involving such fundamental elements of the democratic process should be taken only by impartial, non-political bodies.

Mr. Goell argues against "the dangerous possibility of directly involving the High Court of Justice... in an emotionally charged political decision." But it is precisely such decisions which should be reserved uniquely to the courts which are — and in Israel are known to be — impartial and non-political.

In support of his position, Mr. Goell points out that "as it stands, the law permits appeals regarding these decisions."

But by then, damage may have been done that cannot be repaired; and in any event, my argument is that in the first instance, the law itself is bad, undemocratic, and should be repealed.

MICHAEL ELKINS
Jerusalem.

HI-TECH INDUSTRY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Permit me to disagree with the conclusions reached by Dr. Roger Friedland, in a recent lecture as a result of his research into Israel's potential for hi-tech industrial development.

Having been involved for many years with the economic development of Israel, I find a dynamic, exciting profitable hi-tech industry that is playing a major role in reducing Israel's negative balance of payments.

Contrary to what Dr. Friedland reports, there is a great deal of venture capital for young Israeli firms both in Israel and abroad. Many Israeli companies have come to Wall Street to raise substantial expansion funds. More are on the way.

Dr. Friedland, erroneously refers to Israel's negative environment for stimulating new hi-tech industries. Israel can boast of a positive climate for hi-tech, investments and R&D. Ruder and Finn, an international PR firm, recently announced the results of a survey of top executives of Fortune 500 companies. These US executives rated Israel as second only to Japan in stimulating research and development efforts by indi-

vidual companies and in entire industries.

Israel will benefit by having US multinational companies open facilities in Israel. The \$140 million investment in Israel by Intel and the \$50 million investment by National Semiconductor will help cement Israel's position as a top-rated country in the hi-tech field. Companies of this stature — I hope more will open in Israel — will provide many jobs for Israeli graduating engineers, scientists and technicians. This will help to shut off the flow of emigration of Israel's best and brightest to the US Silicon Valley. These companies will provide jobs in Israel for Israeli professionals living in the US and who want to return to Israel if they can find challenging positions at attractive salaries.

I don't see the danger portrayed by Dr. Friedland when he points out that large US firms will pack up and leave Israel for greener pastures when it suits their corporate strategies. Which companies have done this? Where will they go to find a country as rich as Israel in engineering and scientific capability? ELMER L. WINTER, Chairman, Committee for Economic Growth of Milwaukee, Israel

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